

GLOBAL WELLPOSEDNESS OF THE 3-D FULL WATER WAVE PROBLEM

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ABSTRACT. We consider the problem of global in time existence and uniqueness of solutions of the 3-D infinite depth full water wave problem. We show that the nature of the nonlinearity of the water wave equation is essentially of cubic and higher orders. For any initial interface that is sufficiently small in its steepness and velocity, we show that there exists a unique smooth solution of the full water wave problem for all time, and the solution decays at the rate $1/t$.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we continue our study of the global in time behaviors of the full water wave problem.

The mathematical problem of n -dimensional water wave concerns the motion of the interface separating an inviscid, incompressible, irrotational fluid, under the influence of gravity, from a region of zero density (i.e. air) in n -dimensional space. It is assumed that the fluid region is below the air region. Assume that the density of the fluid is 1, the gravitational field is $-\mathbf{k}$, where \mathbf{k} is the unit vector pointing in the upward vertical direction, and at time $t \geq 0$, the free interface is $\Sigma(t)$, and the fluid occupies region $\Omega(t)$. When surface tension is zero, the motion of the fluid is described by

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{v}_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = -\mathbf{k} - \nabla P & \text{on } \Omega(t), t \geq 0, \\ \operatorname{div} \mathbf{v} = 0, \quad \operatorname{curl} \mathbf{v} = 0, & \text{on } \Omega(t), t \geq 0, \\ P = 0, & \text{on } \Sigma(t) \\ (1, \mathbf{v}) \text{ is tangent to the free surface } (t, \Sigma(t)), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where \mathbf{v} is the fluid velocity, P is the fluid pressure. It is well-known that when surface tension is neglected, the water wave motion can be subject to the Taylor instability [4, 35, 3]. Assume that the free interface $\Sigma(t)$ is described by $\xi = \xi(\alpha, t)$, where $\alpha \in R^{n-1}$ is the Lagrangian coordinate, i.e. $\xi_t(\alpha, t) = \mathbf{v}(z(\alpha, t), t)$ is the fluid velocity on the interface, $\xi_{tt}(\alpha, t) = (\mathbf{v}_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v})(z(\alpha, t), t)$ is the acceleration. Let \mathbf{n} be the unit normal pointing out of $\Omega(t)$. The Taylor sign condition relating to Taylor instability is

$$-\frac{\partial P}{\partial \mathbf{n}} = (\xi_{tt} + \mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \geq c_0 > 0, \quad (1.2)$$

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point-wisely on the interface for some positive constant c_0 . In previous works [37, 38], we showed that the Taylor sign condition (1.2) always holds for the n -dimensional infinite depth water wave problem (1.1), $n \geq 2$, as long as the interface is non-self-intersecting; and the initial value problem of the water wave system (1.1) is uniquely solvable **locally** in time in Sobolev spaces for arbitrary given data. Earlier work includes Nalimov [27], and Yosihara [40] on local existence and uniqueness for small data in 2D. We mention the following recent work on local wellposedness [1, 6, 7, 17, 25, 26, 28, 31, 41]. However the global in time behavior of the solutions remained open until last year.

In [39], we showed that for the 2D full water wave problem (1.1) ($n = 2$), the quantities $\Theta = (I - \mathfrak{H})y$, $(I - \mathfrak{H})\psi$, under an appropriate coordinate change $k = k(\alpha, t)$, satisfy equations of the type

$$\partial_t^2 \Theta - i \partial_\alpha \Theta = G \quad (1.3)$$

with G consisting of nonlinear terms of only cubic and higher orders. Here \mathfrak{H} is the Hilbert transform related to the water region $\Omega(t)$, y is the height function for the interface $\Sigma(t) : (x(\alpha, t), y(\alpha, t))$, and ψ is the trace on $\Sigma(t)$ of the velocity potential. Using this favorable structure, and the L^∞ time decay rate for the 2D water wave $1/t^{1/2}$, we showed that the full water wave equation (1.1) in two space dimensions has a unique smooth solution for a time period $[0, e^{c/\epsilon}]$ for initial data $\epsilon \Phi$, where Φ is arbitrary, c depends only on Φ , and ϵ is sufficiently small.

Briefly, the structural advantage of (1.3) can be explained as the following. We know the water wave equation (1.1) is equivalent to an equation on the interface of the form

$$\partial_t^2 u + |D|u = \text{nonlinear terms} \quad (1.4)$$

where the nonlinear terms contain quadratic nonlinearity. For given smooth data, the free equation $\partial_t^2 u + |D|u = 0$ has a unique solution globally in time, with L^∞ norm decays at the rate $1/t^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$. However the nonlinear interaction can cause blow-up at finite time. The weaker the nonlinear interaction, the longer the solution stays smooth. For small data, quadratic interactions are in general stronger than the cubic and higher order interactions. In (1.3) there is no quadratic terms, using it we are able to prove a longer time existence of classical solutions for small initial data.

Naturally, we would like to know if the 3D water wave equation also possesses such special structures. We find that indeed this is the case. A natural setting for 3D to utilize the ideas of 2D is the Clifford analysis. However deriving such equations (1.3) in 3D in the Clifford Algebra framework is not straightforward due to the non-availability of the Riemann mapping, the non-commutativity of the Clifford numbers, and the fact that the multiplication

of two Clifford analytic functions is not necessarily analytic. Nevertheless we have overcome these difficulties.

Let $\Sigma(t) : \xi = (x(\alpha, \beta, t), y(\alpha, \beta, t), z(\alpha, \beta, t))$ be the interface in Lagrangian coordinates $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and let \mathfrak{H} be the Hilbert transform associated to the water region $\Omega(t)$, $N = \xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta$ be the outward normal. In this paper, we show that the quantity $\theta = (I - \mathfrak{H})z$ satisfies such equation

$$\partial_t^2 \theta - \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla \theta = G \quad (1.5)$$

where G is a nonlinearity of cubic and higher orders in nature. We also find a coordinate change k that transforms (1.5) into an equation consisting of a linear part plus only cubic and higher order nonlinear terms.¹ For ψ the trace of the velocity potential, $(I - \mathfrak{H})\psi$ also satisfies a similar type equation. However we will not derive it since we do not need it in this paper.

Given that in 3D the L^∞ time decay rate is a faster $1/t$, it is not surprising that for small data, the water wave equation (1.1) ($n = 3$) is solvable globally in time. In fact we obtain better results than in 2D in terms of the initial data set. We show that if the steepness of the initial interface and the velocity along the initial interface (and finitely many of their derivatives) are sufficiently small, then the solution of the 3D full water wave equation (1.1) remains smooth for all time and decays at a L^∞ rate of $1/t$. No assumptions are made to the height of the initial interface and the velocity field in the fluid domain. In particular, this means that the amplitude of the initial interface can be arbitrary large, the initial kinetic energy $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega(0))}^2$ can be infinite. This certainly makes sense physically. We note that the almost global wellposedness result we obtained for 2D water wave [39] requires the initial amplitude of the interface and the initial kinetic energy $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega(0))}^2$ being small. One may view 2D water wave as a special case of 3D where the wave is constant in one direction. In 2D there is one less direction for the wave to disperse and the L^∞ time decay rate is a slower $1/t^{1/2}$. Technically our proof of the almost global wellposedness result in 2D [39] used to the full extend the decay rate and required the smallness in the amplitude and kinetic energy since we needed to control the derivatives in the full range. One may think the assumption on the smallness in amplitude and kinetic energy is to compensate the lack of decay in one direction. However this is merely a technical reason. In 3D assuming the wave tends to zero at spatial infinity, we have a faster L^∞ time decay rate $1/t$. This allows us a less elaborate proof and a global wellposedness result with less assumptions on the initial data.

¹We will explain more precisely the meaning of these statements in subsection 1.2.

Recently, Germain, Masmoudi, Shatah [14] studied the global existence of the 3D water wave through analyzing the space-time resonance, for initial interfaces that are small in their amplitude and half derivative of the trace of the velocity potential on the interface, as well as finitely many of their derivatives (this implies smallness in velocity and steepness as well, since velocity and steepness are derivatives of the velocity potential and the height.) In particular, they assume among other things that the half derivative of the trace of the initial velocity potential $|D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \in L^2((1 + |x|^2) dx) \cap L^1(dx) \cap H^N(dx)$ for some large N . Here H^N is the L^2 Sobolev space with N derivatives. We know $|D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \in L^1(dx)$ implies $\psi_0 \in L^{4/3}(dx)$ (see [33] p.119, Theorem 1). This together with the assumption that $|D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \in H^N(dx)$ implies that the trace of the initial velocity potential ψ_0 decays at infinity. This is equivalent to assuming the line integral of the initial velocity field along any curve on the interface from infinity to infinity is zero. This is a moment condition which in general doesn't hold. It puts the data set studied by [14] into a lower dimensional subset of the data set we consider in this paper. Moreover we know $|D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \in L^2(dx)$ is equivalent to the finiteness of the kinetic energy, $\|\mathbf{v}\|_{L^2(\Omega(0))}^2 < \infty$. $|D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \in L^2((1 + |x|^2) dx)$ would require more than the initial kinetic energy being finite. In fact one may estimate the decay rate of ψ_0 at infinity as follows. We know ([33] p.117)

$$\begin{aligned} c\psi_0(x) &= \int \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2-1/2}} |D|^{1/2}\psi_0(y) dy \\ &= \left(\int_{|y| \leq \frac{1}{2}|x|} + \int_{|y| \geq 2|x|} + \int_{\frac{1}{2}|x| \leq |y| \leq 2|x|} \right) \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2-1/2}} |D|^{1/2}\psi_0(y) dy \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left(\int_{|y| \leq \frac{1}{2}|x|} + \int_{|y| \geq 2|x|} \right) \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2-1/2}} |D|^{1/2}\psi_0(y) dy \right| \\ & \lesssim \frac{1}{|x|^{3/2}} (\| |D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \|_{L^1(dx)} + \| |D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \|_{L^2(|x|^2 dx)}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int \left| \int_{\frac{1}{2}|x| \leq |y| \leq 2|x|} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2-1/2}} |D|^{1/2}\psi_0(y) dy \right|^2 |x| dx \\ & \leq \int \left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}|x| \leq |y| \leq 2|x|} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dy \right) \left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}|x| \leq |y| \leq 2|x|} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{3/2}} |D|^{1/2}\psi_0(y)|^2 dy \right) |x| dx \\ & \lesssim \int \left(\int_{\frac{1}{2}|y| \leq |x| \leq 2|y|} \frac{|x|^{3/2}}{|x-y|^{3/2}} dx \right) |D|^{1/2}\psi_0(y)|^2 dy \lesssim \int |y|^2 |D|^{1/2}\psi_0(y)|^2 dy \end{aligned}$$

So if ψ_0 satisfies $|D|^{1/2}\psi_0 \in L^1(dx) \cap L^2(|x|^2 dx)$ as assumed in [14], it is necessary then that $\psi_0(x)$ decays at a rate no slower than $1/|x|^{3/2}$ as $|x| \rightarrow \infty$.

1.1. Notations and Clifford analysis. We study the 3D water wave problem in the setting of the Clifford Algebra $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$, i.e. the algebra of quaternions. We refer to [15] for an in depth discussion of Clifford analysis.

Let $\{1, e_1, e_2, e_3\}$ be the basis of $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ satisfying

$$e_i^2 = -1, \quad e_i e_j = -e_j e_i, \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3, \quad i \neq j, \quad e_3 = e_1 e_2. \quad (1.6)$$

An element $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(V_2)$ has a unique representation $\sigma = \sigma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i e_i$, with $\sigma_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $0 \leq i \leq 3$. We call σ_0 the real part of σ and denote it by $\operatorname{Re} \sigma$ and $\sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i e_i$ the vector part of σ . We call σ_i the e_i component of σ . We denote $\bar{\sigma} = e_3 \sigma e_3$, $|\sigma|^2 = \sum_{i=0}^3 \sigma_i^2$. If not specified, we always assume in such an expression $\sigma = \sigma_0 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i e_i$ that $\sigma_i \in \mathbb{R}$, for $0 \leq i \leq 3$. We define $\sigma \cdot \xi = \sum_{j=0}^3 \sigma_j \xi_j$. We call $\sigma \in \mathcal{C}(V_2)$ a vector if $\operatorname{Re} \sigma = 0$. We identify a point or vector $\xi = (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ with its $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ counterpart $\xi = x e_1 + y e_2 + z e_3$. For vectors $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{C}(V_2)$, we know

$$\xi \eta = -\xi \cdot \eta + \xi \times \eta, \quad (1.7)$$

where $\xi \cdot \eta$ is the dot product, $\xi \times \eta$ the cross product. For vectors ξ, ζ, η , $\xi(\zeta \times \eta)$ is obtained by first finding the cross product $\zeta \times \eta$, then regard it as a Clifford vector and calculating its multiplication with ξ by the rule (1.6). We write $\mathcal{D} = \partial_x e_1 + \partial_y e_2 + \partial_z e_3$, $\nabla = (\partial_x, \partial_y, \partial_z)$. At times we also use the notation $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3)$ to indicate a point in \mathbb{R}^3 . In this case $\nabla = (\partial_{\xi_1}, \partial_{\xi_2}, \partial_{\xi_3})$, $\mathcal{D} = \partial_{\xi_1} e_1 + \partial_{\xi_2} e_2 + \partial_{\xi_3} e_3$.

Let Ω be an unbounded² C^2 domain in \mathbb{R}^3 , $\Sigma = \partial\Omega$ be its boundary and Ω^c be its complement. A $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function F is Clifford analytic in Ω if $\mathcal{D}F = 0$ in Ω . Let

$$\Gamma(\xi) = -\frac{1}{\omega_3} \frac{1}{|\xi|}, \quad K(\xi) = -2\mathcal{D}\Gamma(\xi) = -\frac{2}{\omega_3} \frac{\xi}{|\xi|^3}, \quad \text{for } \xi = \sum_{i=1}^3 \xi_i e_i, \quad (1.8)$$

where ω_3 is the surface area of the unit sphere in \mathbb{R}^3 . Let $\xi = \xi(\alpha, \beta)$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be a parameterization of Σ with $N = \xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta$ pointing out of Ω . The Hilbert transform associated to the parameterization $\xi = \xi(\alpha, \beta)$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined by

$$\mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f(\alpha, \beta) = p.v. \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} K(\xi(\alpha', \beta') - \xi(\alpha, \beta)) (\xi'_{\alpha'} \times \xi'_{\beta'}) f(\alpha', \beta') d\alpha' d\beta'. \quad (1.9)$$

We know a $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function F that decays at infinity is Clifford analytic in Ω if and only if its trace on Σ : $f(\alpha, \beta) = F(\xi(\alpha, \beta))$ satisfies

$$f = \mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f. \quad (1.10)$$

We know $\mathfrak{H}_\Sigma^2 = I$ in L^2 . We use the convention $\mathfrak{H}_\Sigma 1 = 0$. We abbreviate

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f(\alpha, \beta) &= \iint K(\xi(\alpha', \beta') - \xi(\alpha, \beta)) (\xi'_{\alpha'} \times \xi'_{\beta'}) f(\alpha', \beta') d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &= \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi'_{\alpha'} \times \xi'_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' = \iint K N' f' d\alpha' d\beta'. \end{aligned}$$

²Similar definitions and results exist for bounded domains, see [15]. For the purpose of this paper, we discuss only for unbounded domain Ω .

Let $f = f(\alpha, \beta)$ be defined for $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We say f^h is the harmonic extension of f to Ω if $\Delta f^h = 0$ in Ω and $f^h(\xi(\alpha, \beta)) = f(\alpha, \beta)$. We denote by $\mathcal{D}_\xi f$ the trace of $\mathcal{D}f^h$ on Σ , i.e.

$$\mathcal{D}_\xi f(\alpha, \beta) = \mathcal{D}f^h(\xi(\alpha, \beta)). \quad (1.11)$$

Similarly $\nabla_\xi f(\alpha, \beta) = \nabla f^h(\xi(\alpha, \beta))$, $\partial_x f(\alpha, \beta) = \partial_x f^h(\xi(\alpha, \beta))$ etc. In the context of water wave where $\Omega(t)$ is the fluid domain, we denote by $\nabla_\xi^+ f$ (respectively $\nabla_\xi^- f$) the trace of ∇f^h on $\Sigma(t)$, where f^h is the harmonic extension of f to $\Omega(t)$ (respectively $\Omega(t)^c$). We have

Lemma 1.1. 1. Let $f = f(\alpha, \beta)$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be a real valued smooth function decays fast at infinity. We have

$$\iint K(\xi(\alpha', \beta') - \xi(\alpha, \beta)) \cdot (N' \times \nabla' f)(\alpha', \beta') d\alpha' d\beta' = 0. \quad (1.12)$$

2. For any function $f = \sum_1^3 f_i e_i$ satisfying $f = \mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f$ or $f = -\mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f$, we have

$$\xi_\beta \cdot \partial_\alpha f - \xi_\alpha \cdot \partial_\beta f = 0. \quad (1.13)$$

Proof. Let f^h be the harmonic extension of f to the domain Ω . We know $\mathcal{D}f^h$ is Clifford analytic in Ω . Therefore the trace of $\mathcal{D}f^h$ on Σ satisfies

$$\mathcal{D}_\xi f = \mathfrak{H}_\Sigma \mathcal{D}_\xi f. \quad (1.14)$$

Taking the real part of (1.14) gives us (1.12).

For (1.13), we only prove for the case $f = \mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f$. The proof for the case $f = -\mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f$ is similar, since $f = -\mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f$ is equivalent to the harmonic extension of f to Ω^c being analytic.

We have from $f = \mathfrak{H}_\Sigma f$ that $\mathcal{D}_\xi f = 0$. Therefore

$$\xi_\beta \cdot \partial_\alpha f - \xi_\alpha \cdot \partial_\beta f = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \partial_\beta \xi_i \partial_\alpha \xi_j \partial_{\xi_j} f_i - \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \partial_\alpha \xi_j \partial_\beta \xi_i \partial_{\xi_i} f_j = 0.$$

□

Assume that for each $t \in [0, T]$, $\Omega(t)$ is a C^2 domain with boundary $\Sigma(t)$. Let $\Sigma(t) : \xi = \xi(\alpha, \beta, t)$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$; $\xi \in C^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, T])$, $N = \xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta$. We know $N \times \nabla = \xi_\beta \partial_\alpha - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta$. Denote $[A, B] = AB - BA$. We have

Lemma 1.2. Let $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, T])$ be a $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function vanishing at spatial infinity, and \mathfrak{a} be real valued. Then

$$[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}]f = \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta'. \quad (1.15)$$

$$[\partial_\alpha, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}]f = \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_\alpha - \xi'_{\alpha'}) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (1.16)$$

$$[\partial_\beta, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}]f = \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_\beta - \xi'_{\beta'}) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (1.17)$$

$$[\mathbf{a}N \times \nabla, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}]f = \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\mathbf{a}N - \mathbf{a}'N') \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (1.18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} [\partial_t^2, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}]f &= \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_{tt} - \xi'_{tt}) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad + \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{t\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{t\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad + \iint \partial_t K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad + 2 \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f'_t d\alpha' d\beta' \end{aligned} \quad (1.19)$$

Proof. Applying Lemma 3.1 of [38] component-wisely to f gives (1.15), (1.16), (1.17). (1.19) is a direct consequence of (1.15) and the fact $[\partial_t^2, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}] = \partial_t[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}] + [\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}]\partial_t$. We now prove (1.18) for f real valued. Notice that $\mathbf{a}N \times \nabla \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}f = \mathbf{a}\xi_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}f - \mathbf{a}\xi_{\alpha} \partial_{\beta} \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}f$. From (1.16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}\xi_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}f &= \mathbf{a}\xi_{\beta} [\partial_{\alpha}, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}]f + \mathbf{a}\xi_{\beta} \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)} \partial_{\alpha} f \\ &= \iint \mathbf{a}\xi_{\beta} K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_{\alpha} - \xi'_{\alpha'}) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' + \mathbf{a}\xi_{\beta} \iint K N' \partial_{\alpha'} f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &= \iint \mathbf{a}\xi_{\beta} K(\xi' - \xi) \xi_{\alpha} \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \end{aligned} \quad (1.20)$$

Similarly

$$\mathbf{a}\xi_{\alpha} \partial_{\beta} \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}f = \iint \mathbf{a}\xi_{\alpha} K(\xi' - \xi) \xi_{\beta} \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (1.21)$$

Now for any vectors K, η ,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{\beta} K \xi_{\alpha} \times \eta - \xi_{\alpha} K \xi_{\beta} \times \eta &= -K \xi_{\beta} \xi_{\alpha} \times \eta + K \xi_{\alpha} \xi_{\beta} \times \eta - 2\xi_{\beta} \cdot K \xi_{\alpha} \times \eta + 2\xi_{\alpha} \cdot K \xi_{\beta} \times \eta \\ &= -K \xi_{\beta} \times (\xi_{\alpha} \times \eta) + K \xi_{\alpha} \times (\xi_{\beta} \times \eta) \\ &\quad + K \xi_{\beta} \cdot (\xi_{\alpha} \times \eta) - K \xi_{\alpha} \cdot (\xi_{\beta} \times \eta) - 2(K \times (\xi_{\alpha} \times \xi_{\beta})) \times \eta \\ &= K(-\xi_{\alpha} \xi_{\beta} \cdot \eta + \xi_{\beta} \xi_{\alpha} \cdot \eta) - 2K(\xi_{\alpha} \times \xi_{\beta}) \cdot \eta + 2K(\xi_{\alpha} \times \xi_{\beta}) \cdot \eta - 2K \cdot \eta(\xi_{\alpha} \times \xi_{\beta}) \\ &= K(\xi_{\alpha} \times \xi_{\beta}) \times \eta - 2K \cdot \eta(\xi_{\alpha} \times \xi_{\beta}) \end{aligned} \quad (1.22)$$

In the above calculation, we used repeatedly the identities (1.7) and $a \times (b \times c) = b a \cdot c - c a \cdot b$. Combining (1.20), (1.21) and applying (1.12) and (1.22) with $\eta = (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' = N' \times \nabla' f'$, we get

$$\mathbf{a}N \times \nabla \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}f = \iint K(\xi' - \xi) \mathbf{a}(\xi_{\alpha} \times \xi_{\beta}) \times (N' \times \nabla' f') d\alpha' d\beta'.$$

Notice that

$$\mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}(\mathbf{a}N \times \nabla f) = \iint K(\xi' - \xi) \mathbf{a}'N' \times (N' \times \nabla' f') d\alpha' d\beta'.$$

(1.18) therefore holds for real valued f . (1.18) for $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued f directly follows.

□

1.2. The main equations and main results. We now discuss the 3D water wave. Let $\Sigma(t) : \xi(\alpha, \beta, t) = x(\alpha, \beta, t)e_1 + y(\alpha, \beta, t)e_2 + z(\alpha, \beta, t)e_3$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ be the parameterization of the interface at time t in Lagrangian coordinates (α, β) with $N = \xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta = (N_1, N_2, N_3)$ pointing out of the fluid domain $\Omega(t)$. Let $\mathfrak{H} = \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(t)}$, and

$$\mathfrak{a} = -\frac{1}{|N|} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \mathbf{n}}.$$

We know from [38] that $\mathfrak{a} > 0$ and equation (1.1) is equivalent to the following nonlinear system defined on the interface $\Sigma(t)$:

$$\xi_{tt} + e_3 = \mathfrak{a}N \quad (1.23)$$

$$\xi_t = \mathfrak{H}\xi_t \quad (1.24)$$

Motivated by [39], we would like to know whether in 3-D, the quantity $\pi = (I - \mathfrak{H})ze_3$ under an appropriate coordinate change satisfies an equation with nonlinearities containing no quadratic terms. We first derive the equation for π in Lagrangian coordinates.

Proposition 1.3. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 - \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)\pi &= \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \overline{\xi'_t} d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad - \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{t\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{t\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) z' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \\ &\quad - \iint \partial_t K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) z' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \end{aligned} \quad (1.25)$$

Proof. Notice from (1.23)

$$(\partial_t^2 - \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)ze_3 = z_{tt}e_3 + \mathfrak{a}N_1e_1 + \mathfrak{a}N_2e_2 = \xi_{tt} \quad (1.26)$$

and from (1.24) that

$$(I - \mathfrak{H})\xi_{tt} = [\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\xi_t \quad (1.27)$$

(1.25) is an easy consequence of (1.15), (1.18) and (1.19) and (1.23), (1.26), (1.27):

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 - \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)\pi &= (I - \mathfrak{H})(\partial_t^2 - \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)ze_3 - [\partial_t^2 - \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 \\ &= [\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\xi_t - [\partial_t^2 - \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 \\ &= \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \overline{\xi'_t} d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad - \iint K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{t\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{t\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) z' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \\ &\quad - \iint \partial_t K(\xi' - \xi) (\xi_t - \xi'_t) \times (\xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) z' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \end{aligned}$$

□

We see that the second and third terms in the right hand side of (1.25) are consisting of terms of cubic and higher orders, while the first term contains quadratic terms. Unlike

the 2D case, multiplications of Clifford analytic functions are not necessarily analytic, so we cannot reduce the first term at the right hand side of equation (1.25) into a cubic form. However we notice that $\bar{\xi}_t = x_t e_1 + y_t e_2 - z_t e_3$ is almost analytic in the air region $\Omega(t)^c$, and this implies that the first term is almost analytic in the fluid domain $\Omega(t)$, or in other words, is almost of the type $(I + \mathfrak{H})Q$ in nature, here Q means quadratic.³ Notice that the left hand side of (1.25) is almost analytic in the air region, or of the type $(I - \mathfrak{H})$. The orthogonality of the projections $(I - \mathfrak{H})$ and $(I + \mathfrak{H})$ allows us to reduce the first term to cubic in energy estimates.

Notice that the left hand side of (1.25) still contains quadratic terms and (1.25) is invariant under a change of coordinates. We now want to see if in 3D, there is a coordinate change k , such that under which the left hand side of (1.25) becomes a linear part plus only cubic and higher order terms. In 2D, such a coordinate change exists (see (2.18) in [39]). However it is defined by the Riemann mapping. Although there is no Riemann mapping in 3D, we realize that the Riemann mapping used in 2-D is just a holomorphic function in the fluid region with its imaginary part equal to zero on $\Sigma(t)$. This motivates us to define

$$k = k(\alpha, \beta, t) = \xi(\alpha, \beta, t) - (I + \mathfrak{H})z(\alpha, \beta, t)e_3 + \mathfrak{K}z(\alpha, \beta, t)e_3 \quad (1.28)$$

Here $\mathfrak{K} = \text{Re } \mathfrak{H}$:

$$\mathfrak{K}f(\alpha, \beta, t) = - \iint K(\xi(\alpha', \beta', t) - \xi(\alpha, \beta, t)) \cdot N' f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (1.29)$$

is the double layered potential operator. It is clear that the e_3 component of k as defined in (1.28) is zero. In fact, the real part of k is also zero. This is because

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint K(\xi' - \xi) \times (\xi'_{\alpha'} \times \xi'_{\beta'}) z' e_3 d\alpha' d\beta' = \iint (\xi'_{\alpha'} \xi'_{\beta'} \cdot K - \xi'_{\beta'} \xi'_{\alpha'} \cdot K) z' e_3 d\alpha' d\beta' \\ & = -2 \iint (\xi'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'} \Gamma(\xi' - \xi) - \xi'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} \Gamma(\xi' - \xi)) z' e_3 d\alpha' d\beta' \\ & = 2 \iint \Gamma(\xi' - \xi) (\xi'_{\alpha'} z_{\beta'} - \xi'_{\beta'} z_{\alpha'}) e_3 d\alpha' d\beta' = 2 \iint \Gamma(\xi' - \xi) (N'_1 e_1 + N'_2 e_2) d\alpha' d\beta' \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\mathfrak{H}ze_3 = \mathfrak{K}ze_3 + 2 \iint \Gamma(\xi' - \xi) (N'_1 e_1 + N'_2 e_2) d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (1.30)$$

This shows that the mapping k defined in (1.28) has only the e_1 and e_2 components $k = (k_1, k_2) = k_1 e_1 + k_2 e_2$. If $\Sigma(t)$ is a graph of small steepness, i.e. if z_α and z_β are small, then the Jacobian of $k = k(\cdot, t)$: $J(k) = J(k(t)) = \partial_\alpha k_1 \partial_\beta k_2 - \partial_\alpha k_2 \partial_\beta k_1 > 0$ and $k(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defines a valid coordinate change. We will make this point more precise in Lemma 4.1.

Denote $\nabla_\perp = (\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta)$, $U_g f(\alpha, \beta, t) = f(g(\alpha, \beta, t), t) = f \circ g(\alpha, \beta, t)$. Assume that $k = k(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined in (1.28) is a diffeomorphism satisfying $J(k(t)) > 0$. Let k^{-1} be

³See Proposition 2.11, also see the derivation of the energy estimates in section 3.

such that $k \circ k^{-1}(\alpha, \beta, t) = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2$. Define

$$\zeta = \xi \circ k^{-1} = \mathfrak{x}e_1 + \mathfrak{y}e_2 + \mathfrak{z}e_3, \quad u = \xi_t \circ k^{-1}, \quad \text{and} \quad w = \xi_{tt} \circ k^{-1}. \quad (1.31)$$

Let

$$b = k_t \circ k^{-1} \quad A \circ k e_3 = \mathfrak{a}J(k)e_3 = \mathfrak{a}k_\alpha \times k_\beta, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{N} = \zeta_\alpha \times \zeta_\beta. \quad (1.32)$$

By a simple application of the chain rule, we have

$$U_k^{-1} \partial_t U_k = \partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \quad \text{and} \quad U_k^{-1} (\mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla) U_k = A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla = A(\zeta_\beta \partial_\alpha - \zeta_\alpha \partial_\beta), \quad (1.33)$$

and $U_k^{-1} \mathfrak{H} U_k = \mathcal{H}$, with

$$\mathcal{H}f(\alpha, \beta, t) = \iint K(\zeta(\alpha', \beta', t) - \zeta(\alpha, \beta, t)) (\zeta'_{\alpha'} \times \zeta'_{\beta'}) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (1.34)$$

Let $\chi = \pi \circ k^{-1}$. Applying coordinate change U_k^{-1} to equation (1.25). We get

$$\begin{aligned} ((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla) \chi &= \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \overline{u'} d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad - \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (u'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - u'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \mathfrak{z}' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \\ &\quad - \iint ((u' - u) \cdot \nabla) K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \mathfrak{z}' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \end{aligned} \quad (1.35)$$

We show in the following proposition that $b, A - 1$ are consisting of only quadratic and higher order terms. Let $\mathcal{K} = \text{Re } \mathcal{H} = U_k^{-1} \mathfrak{H} U_k$, $P = \alpha e_1 + \beta e_2$, and

$$\Lambda^* = (I + \mathfrak{H})ze_3, \quad \Lambda = (I + \mathfrak{H})ze_3 - \mathfrak{K}ze_3, \quad \lambda^* = (I + \mathcal{H})\mathfrak{z}e_3, \quad \lambda = \lambda^* - \mathcal{K}\mathfrak{z}e_3 \quad (1.36)$$

Therefore

$$\zeta = P + \lambda. \quad (1.37)$$

Let the velocity $u = u_1 e_1 + u_2 e_2 + u_3 e_3$.

Proposition 1.4. *Let $b = k_t \circ k^{-1}$ and $A \circ k = \mathfrak{a}J(k)$. We have*⁴

$$b = \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{H} - \overline{\mathcal{H}})\overline{u} - [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 + [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{K}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 + \mathcal{K}u_3 e_3 \quad (1.38)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A - 1)e_3 &= \frac{1}{2}(-\mathcal{H} + \overline{\mathcal{H}})\overline{w} + \frac{1}{2}([\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]u - \overline{[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]u}) \\ &\quad + [A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla, \mathcal{H}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 - A\zeta_\beta \times (\partial_\alpha \mathcal{K}\mathfrak{z}e_3) + A\zeta_\alpha \times (\partial_\beta \mathcal{K}\mathfrak{z}e_3) + A\partial_\alpha \lambda \times \partial_\beta \lambda \end{aligned} \quad (1.39)$$

Here $\overline{\mathcal{H}}f = e_3 \mathcal{H}(e_3 f) = \iint e_3 K \mathcal{N}' e_3 f'$.

⁴Formulas for b and A similar to those in 2D [39] are also available and can be obtained in a similar way:

$$\begin{aligned} (I - \mathcal{H})b &= (I - \mathcal{H})([\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{K}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 - [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 + \mathcal{K}u_3 e_3) \\ (I - \mathcal{H})(Ae_3) &= e_3 + [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]u + [A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla, \mathcal{H}]\lambda^* \\ &\quad + (I - \mathcal{H})(-A\zeta_\beta \times (\partial_\alpha \mathcal{K}\mathfrak{z}e_3) + A\zeta_\alpha \times (\partial_\beta \mathcal{K}\mathfrak{z}e_3) + A\partial_\alpha \lambda \times \partial_\beta \lambda) \end{aligned}$$

However we choose to use those in Proposition 1.4.

Proof. Taking derivative to t to (1.28), we get

$$\begin{aligned} k_t &= \xi_t - \partial_t(I + \mathfrak{H})ze_3 + \partial_t\mathfrak{K}ze_3 \\ &= \xi_t - z_te_3 - \mathfrak{H}z_te_3 - [\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 + \partial_t\mathfrak{K}ze_3 \end{aligned} \quad (1.40)$$

Now

$$\xi_t - z_te_3 - \mathfrak{H}z_te_3 = \frac{1}{2}(\xi_t + \bar{\xi}_t) - \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{H}(\xi_t - \bar{\xi}_t) = \frac{1}{2}\bar{\xi}_t + \frac{1}{2}\mathfrak{H}\bar{\xi}_t = \frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{H} - \bar{\mathfrak{H}})\bar{\xi}_t \quad (1.41)$$

Combining (1.40), (1.41) we get

$$k_t = \frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{H} - \bar{\mathfrak{H}})\bar{\xi}_t - [\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 + [\partial_t, \mathfrak{K}]ze_3 + \mathfrak{K}z_te_3 \quad (1.42)$$

Making the change of coordinate U_k^{-1} , we get (1.38).

Notice that $A \circ ke_3 = \mathfrak{a}k_\alpha \times k_\beta$. From the definition $k = \xi - \Lambda^* + \mathfrak{K}ze_3 = \xi - \Lambda$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} k_\alpha \times k_\beta &= \xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta + \xi_\beta \times \partial_\alpha \Lambda^* - \xi_\alpha \times \partial_\beta \Lambda^* \\ &\quad - \xi_\beta \times (\partial_\alpha \mathfrak{K}ze_3) + \xi_\alpha \times (\partial_\beta \mathfrak{K}ze_3) + \partial_\alpha \Lambda \times \partial_\beta \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

Using (1.30) and (1.13), we have

$$\xi_\beta \times \partial_\alpha \Lambda^* - \xi_\alpha \times \partial_\beta \Lambda^* = \xi_\beta \partial_\alpha \Lambda^* - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta \Lambda^* = (N \times \nabla) \Lambda^*$$

From (1.23), and the fact that $\mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla ze_3 = -\mathfrak{a}N_1e_1 - \mathfrak{a}N_2e_2$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{a}\xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta + \mathfrak{a}(N \times \nabla) \Lambda^* &= \xi_{tt} + e_3 + (I + \mathfrak{H})(\mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)ze_3 + [\mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 \\ &= \xi_{tt} + e_3 - \frac{1}{2}(I + \mathfrak{H})(\xi_{tt} + \bar{\xi}_{tt}) + [\mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 \end{aligned}$$

and furthermore from (1.24),

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_{tt} - \frac{1}{2}(I + \mathfrak{H})(\xi_{tt} + \bar{\xi}_{tt}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\xi_{tt} - \mathfrak{H}\xi_{tt}) - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\xi}_{tt} + \mathfrak{H}\bar{\xi}_{tt}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\xi_t - \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\xi}_{tt} - \bar{\mathfrak{H}}\bar{\xi}_{tt}) - \frac{1}{2}(\mathfrak{H}\bar{\xi}_{tt} + \bar{\mathfrak{H}}\xi_{tt}) = \frac{1}{2}[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\xi_t - \frac{1}{2}[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\xi_t + \frac{1}{2}(\bar{\mathfrak{H}} - \mathfrak{H})\bar{\xi}_{tt} \end{aligned}$$

Combining the above calculations and make the change of coordinates U_k^{-1} , we obtain (1.39). \square

From Proposition 1.4, we see that b and $A - 1$ are consisting of terms of quadratic and higher orders. Therefore the left hand side of equation (1.35) is

$$(\partial_t^2 - e_2\partial_\alpha + e_1\partial_\beta)\chi - \partial_\beta\lambda\partial_\alpha\chi + \partial_\alpha\lambda\partial_\beta\chi + \text{cubic and higher order terms}$$

The quadratic term $\partial_\beta\lambda\partial_\alpha\chi - \partial_\alpha\lambda\partial_\beta\chi$ is new in 3D. We notice that this is one of the null forms studied in [24] and we find that it is also null for our equation and can be written as the factor $1/t$ times a quadratic expression involving some "invariant vector fields" for $\partial_t^2 - e_2\partial_\alpha + e_1\partial_\beta$. Therefore this term is cubic in nature and equation (1.35) is of the type "linear + cubic and higher order perturbations". On the other hand, we are curious whether $\partial_\beta\lambda\partial_\alpha\chi - \partial_\alpha\lambda\partial_\beta\chi$ can be transformed into a term of cubic and higher orders by a physically meaningful and mathematically concise transformation. As we know, although the quantity

$(I - \mathfrak{H})ze_3$ is concise in expression and mathematically it is the projection of ze_3 into the space of analytic functions in the air region, we do not know its physical meaning. Could the transformation for $\partial_\beta \lambda \partial_\alpha \chi - \partial_\alpha \lambda \partial_\beta \chi$, if exist, together with $(I - \mathfrak{H})ze_3$ offer us some big picture that has a good physical meaning? Motivated by these questions, we looked further. However after taking into considerations of all possible cancellation properties and relations, we can conclude that this term actually cannot be transformed away by a concise transformation in the physical space (although there is a transformation explicit in the Fourier space). Of course, we do not rule out the possibility that there are some possible relations we overlooked. On the other hand, our effort lead to some results that can be interesting for those readers interested in understanding the nature of a bilinear normal form change, or the quadratic resonance for the water wave equation. We will present this calculation in a separate paper.

We therefore treat the term $\partial_\beta \lambda \partial_\alpha \chi - \partial_\alpha \lambda \partial_\beta \chi$ by the method of invariant vector fields. In fact, in section 3, we will see that it is more natural to treat $(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla$ as the main operator for the water wave equation than treating it as a perturbation of the linear operator $\partial_t^2 - e_2 \partial_\alpha + e_1 \partial_\beta$. We obtain a uniform bound for all time of a properly constructed energy that involves invariant vector fields of $\partial_t^2 - e_2 \partial_\alpha + e_1 \partial_\beta$ by combining energy estimates for the equation (1.35) and a generalized Sobolev inequality that gives a $L^2 \rightarrow L^\infty$ estimate with the decay rate $1/t$. We point out that not only does the projection $(I - \mathfrak{H})$ give us the quantity $(I - \mathfrak{H})ze_3$, but it is also used in various ways to project away "quadratic noises" in the course of deriving the energy estimates. The global in time existence follows from a local well-posedness result, the uniform boundedness of the energy and a continuity argument. We state our main theorem.

Let $|D| = \sqrt{-\partial_\alpha^2 - \partial_\beta^2}$, $H^s(\mathbb{R}^2) = \{f \mid (I + |D|)^s f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)\}$, with $\|f\|_{H^s} = \|f\|_{H^s(\mathbb{R}^2)} = \|(I + |D|)^s f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}$.

Let $s \geq 27$, $\max\{\lceil \frac{s}{2} \rceil + 1, 17\} \leq l \leq s - 10$. Assume that initially

$$\xi(\alpha, \beta, 0) = \xi^0 = (\alpha, \beta, z^0(\alpha, \beta)), \quad \xi_t(\alpha, \beta, 0) = \mathbf{u}^0(\alpha, \beta), \quad \xi_{tt}(\alpha, \beta, 0) = \mathbf{w}^0(\alpha, \beta), \quad (1.43)$$

and the data in (1.43) satisfy the compatibility condition (5.29)-(5.30) of [38]. Let $\Gamma = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, \alpha \partial_\alpha + \beta \partial_\beta, \alpha \partial_\beta - \beta \partial_\alpha$. Assume that

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq s-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} z^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \|\Gamma^j \partial z^0\|_{H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{u}^0\|_{H^{3/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{w}^0\|_{H^1(\mathbb{R}^2)} < \infty \quad (1.44)$$

Let

$$\epsilon = \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} z^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \|\Gamma^j \partial z^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{u}^0\|_{H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)} + \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{w}^0\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}. \quad (1.45)$$

Theorem 1.5 (Main Theorem). *There exists $\epsilon_0 > 0$, such that for $0 \leq \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0$, the initial value problem (1.23)-(1.24)-(1.43) has a unique classical solution globally in time. For each time $0 \leq t < \infty$, the interface is a graph, the solution has the same regularity as the initial data and remains small. Moreover the L^∞ norm of the steepness and the acceleration of the interface, the derivative of the velocity on the interface decay at the rate $\frac{1}{t}$.*

A more detailed and precise statement of the main Theorem is given in Theorem 4.6 and the remarks at the end of this paper.

2. BASIC ANALYSIS PREPARATIONS

For a function $f = f(\alpha, \beta, t)$, we use the notation $f = f(\cdot, t) = f(t)$,

$$\|f(t)\|_2 = \|f(t)\|_{L^2} = \|f(\cdot, t)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)}, \quad |f(t)|_\infty = \|f(t)\|_{L^\infty} = \|f(\cdot, t)\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)}.$$

2.1. Vector fields and a generalized Sobolev inequality. As in [39], we will use the method of invariant vector fields. We know the linear part of the operator $\mathcal{P} = (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla$ is $\mathfrak{P} = \partial_t^2 - e_2 \partial_\alpha + e_1 \partial_\beta$. Although the invariant vector fields of \mathfrak{P} was not known, it is not difficult to find them.⁵ Using a combined method as that in [5, 34], we find that the set of operators

$$\Gamma = \{\partial_t, \quad \partial_\alpha, \quad \partial_\beta, \quad L_0 = \frac{1}{2}t\partial_t + \alpha\partial_\alpha + \beta\partial_\beta, \quad \text{and } \varpi = \alpha\partial_\beta - \beta\partial_\alpha - \frac{1}{2}e_3\} \quad (2.1)$$

satisfy

$$[\partial_t, \mathfrak{P}] = [\partial_\alpha, \mathfrak{P}] = [\partial_\beta, \mathfrak{P}] = [\varpi, \mathfrak{P}] = 0, \quad [L_0, \mathfrak{P}] = -\mathfrak{P}. \quad (2.2)$$

Let $\Upsilon = \alpha\partial_\beta - \beta\partial_\alpha$. So $\varpi = \Upsilon - \frac{1}{2}e_3$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} [\partial_t, \partial_\alpha] &= [\partial_t, \partial_\beta] = [\partial_t, \Upsilon] = [\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta] = [L_0, \Upsilon] = 0 \\ [\partial_t, L_0] &= \frac{1}{2}\partial_t, \quad [\partial_\alpha, L_0] = [\Upsilon, \partial_\beta] = \partial_\alpha, \quad [\partial_\beta, L_0] = [\partial_\alpha, \Upsilon] = \partial_\beta \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\partial_t, \partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp] &= b_t \cdot \nabla_\perp, \quad [\partial, \partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp] = (\partial b) \cdot \nabla_\perp, \quad \text{for } \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta \\ [L_0, \partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp] &= (L_0 b - \frac{1}{2}b) \cdot \nabla_\perp - \frac{1}{2}(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp), \\ [\varpi, \partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp] &= (\varpi b - \frac{1}{2}e_3 b) \cdot \nabla_\perp \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

⁵One may find using the method in [5] that for the scalar operator $\partial_t^2 + |D|$, the following are invariants: $\partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \Upsilon, \alpha\partial_t + \frac{1}{2}t\partial_\alpha|D|^{-1}, \beta\partial_t + \frac{1}{2}t\partial_\beta|D|^{-1}$. Those for \mathfrak{P} are then obtained by properly modifying this set.

Let $\mathcal{P}^\pm = (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 \pm A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla$. Notice that $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^-$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
[\partial_t, \mathcal{P}^\pm] &= \pm \{ (A\zeta_\beta)_t \partial_\alpha - (A\zeta_\alpha)_t \partial_\beta \} + \{ \partial_t (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) b - b_t \cdot \nabla_\perp b \} \cdot \nabla_\perp \\
&\quad + b_t \cdot \{ (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \nabla_\perp + \nabla_\perp (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \} \\
[\partial, \mathcal{P}^\pm] &= \pm \{ (\partial(A\zeta_\beta)) \partial_\alpha - (\partial(A\zeta_\alpha)) \partial_\beta \} + \{ \partial(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) b - (\partial b) \cdot \nabla_\perp b \} \cdot \nabla_\perp \\
&\quad + (\partial b) \cdot \{ (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \nabla_\perp + \nabla_\perp (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \}, \quad \text{for } \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta \\
[L_0, \mathcal{P}^\pm] &= -\mathcal{P}^\pm \pm \{ L_0(A\zeta_\beta) \partial_\alpha - L_0(A\zeta_\alpha) \partial_\beta \} + \{ (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) (L_0 b - \frac{1}{2} b) \} \cdot \nabla_\perp \\
&\quad + (L_0 b - \frac{1}{2} b) \cdot \{ (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \nabla_\perp + \nabla_\perp (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \} \\
[\varpi, \mathcal{P}^\pm] &= \pm (\Upsilon A) (\zeta_\beta \partial_\alpha - \zeta_\alpha \partial_\beta) \pm A (\partial_\beta (\varpi \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \lambda e_3) \partial_\alpha - \partial_\alpha (\varpi \lambda + \frac{1}{2} \lambda e_3) \partial_\beta) \\
&\quad + (\varpi b - \frac{1}{2} e_3 b) \cdot \{ (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \nabla_\perp + \nabla_\perp (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \} \\
&\quad + \{ (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) (\varpi - \frac{1}{2} e_3 b) \} \cdot \nabla_\perp
\end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

For any positive integer m , and any operator P ,

$$[\Gamma^m, P] = \sum_{j=1}^m \Gamma^{m-j} [\Gamma, P] \Gamma^{j-1}. \tag{2.6}$$

Let

$$\mathbf{K}f(\alpha, \beta, t) = p.v. \iint k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta'$$

where for some $\iota = 0, 1$, or 2 , $|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|^\iota k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t)$ is bounded, and k is smooth away from the diagonal $\Delta = \{(\alpha, \beta) = (\alpha', \beta')\}$. We have for f vanish fast at spatial infinity,

$$\begin{aligned}
[\partial_t, \mathbf{K}]f(\alpha, \beta, t) &= \iint \partial_t k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \\
[\partial, \mathbf{K}]f(\alpha, \beta, t) &= \iint (\partial + \partial') k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta', \quad \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta \\
[L_0, \mathbf{K}]f(\alpha, \beta, t) &= 2\mathbf{K}f(\alpha, \beta, t) \\
&\quad + \iint (\alpha \partial_\alpha + \beta \partial_\beta + \alpha' \partial'_\alpha + \beta' \partial'_\beta + \frac{1}{2} t \partial_t) k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \\
[\Upsilon, \mathbf{K}]f(\alpha, \beta, t) &= \iint (\Upsilon + \Upsilon') k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \\
[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathbf{K}]f &= \iint (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp + b' \cdot \nabla'_\perp) k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \\
&\quad + \iint k(\alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta'; t) \operatorname{div}' b' f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta'
\end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

One of the operators in equations (1.35), (2.37) and (2.39) is of the following type:

$$\mathbf{B}(g, f) = p.v. \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(g - g') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta'$$

where $\operatorname{Re} g = 0$. We have for $\Gamma = \partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \mathbf{B}(g, f) &= \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(\dot{\Gamma}g - \dot{\Gamma}'g') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'}\partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'}\partial_{\beta'})f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &+ \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(g - g') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'}\partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'}\partial_{\beta'})\Gamma'f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &+ \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(g - g') \times (\partial_{\beta'}\dot{\Gamma}'\lambda'\partial_{\alpha'} - \partial_{\alpha'}\dot{\Gamma}'\lambda'\partial_{\beta'})f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &+ \iint ((\dot{\Gamma}'\lambda' - \dot{\Gamma}\lambda) \cdot \nabla)K(\zeta' - \zeta)(g - g') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'}\partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'}\partial_{\beta'})f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

where $\dot{\Gamma}g = \partial_t g$, $\partial_\alpha g$, $\partial_\beta g$, $(L_0 - I)g$, $\varpi g + \frac{1}{2}ge_3$ respectively. (2.8) is straightforward with an application of (2.7), the definition $\zeta = P + \lambda$, and in the case $\Gamma = L_0$, the fact $(\xi \cdot \nabla)K(\xi) = -2K(\xi)$ and (2.3); in the case $\Gamma = \varpi$, the fact $((e_3 \times \xi) \cdot \nabla)K(\xi) = \frac{1}{2}(e_3 K(\xi) - K(\xi)e_3)$, (2.3) and $-e_3 a \times b + a \times b e_3 + 2(e_3 \times a) \times b + 2a \times (e_3 \times b) = 0$, for $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^3$.

Before we derive the commutativity relations between L_0 , ϖ and \mathcal{H} , we record

Lemma 2.1. *Let Ω be a C^2 domain in \mathbb{R}^2 , with its boundary $\Sigma = \partial\Omega$ being parametrized by $\xi = \xi(\alpha, \beta)$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. For any vector η , and function f on \mathbb{R}^2 , we have*

$$(\eta \times \xi_\beta)f_\alpha - (\eta \times \xi_\alpha)f_\beta = (\xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta)(\eta \cdot \nabla_\xi)f - (\eta \cdot (\xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta))\mathcal{D}_\xi f. \quad (2.9)$$

$$-(\eta \cdot \nabla)K(\xi)(\xi'_{\alpha'} \times \xi'_{\beta'}) + (\xi'_{\alpha'} \cdot \nabla)K(\xi)(\eta \times \xi'_{\beta'}) + (\xi'_{\beta'} \cdot \nabla)K(\xi)(\xi'_{\alpha'} \times \eta) = 0, \quad (2.10)$$

for $\xi \neq 0$.

(2.9) is proved in the same way as the identity (5.17) in [38]. We omit the details. (2.10) is the identity (3.5) in [38].

We have the following commutativity relations between L_0 , ϖ and \mathcal{H} .

Proposition 2.2. *Let $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, T])$ be a $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function vanishing at spatial infinity. Then*

$$[L_0, \mathcal{H}]f = \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)((L_0 - I)\lambda - (L'_0 - I)\lambda') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'}\partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'}\partial_{\beta'})f' d\alpha' d\beta'. \quad (2.11)$$

$$[\varpi, \mathcal{H}]f = \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(\varpi\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\lambda e_3 - \varpi'\lambda' - \frac{1}{2}\lambda' e_3) \times (\zeta'_{\beta'}\partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'}\partial_{\beta'})f' d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (2.12)$$

Proof. Using (1.15), (1.16), (1.17) and argue similarly as in the proof of (1.18), we can show that

$$[L_0, \mathcal{H}]f = \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(L_0\zeta - L'_0\zeta') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'}\partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'}\partial_{\beta'})f' d\alpha' d\beta'.$$

Using integration by parts and (2.10), we can check the following identity:

$$\iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(\zeta - \zeta') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'}\partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'}\partial_{\beta'})f' d\alpha' d\beta' = 0$$

(2.11) then follows from the fact that $(L_0 - I)\zeta = (L_0 - I)\lambda$.

(2.12) is obtained similarly. First we have by using (1.16), (1.17) that

$$[\Upsilon, \mathcal{H}]f = \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (\Upsilon\zeta - \Upsilon'\zeta') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta'.$$

We now check the identity

$$\frac{1}{2}[e_3, \mathcal{H}]f = \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (e_3 \times (\zeta - \zeta')) \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta'.$$

Using integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (e_3 \times (\zeta - \zeta')) \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &= - \iint (\partial_{\alpha'} K (e_3 \times (\zeta - \zeta')) \times \zeta'_{\beta'} - \partial_{\beta'} K (e_3 \times (\zeta - \zeta')) \times \zeta'_{\alpha'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &+ \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) ((e_3 \times \zeta'_{\alpha'}) \times \zeta'_{\beta'} - (e_3 \times \zeta'_{\beta'}) \times \zeta'_{\alpha'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &= \iint ((e_3 \times (\zeta' - \zeta)) \cdot \nabla) K(\zeta' - \zeta) \mathcal{N}' f' d\alpha' d\beta' + \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) e_3 \times \mathcal{N}' f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \iint (e_3 K \mathcal{N}' - K \mathcal{N}' e_3) f' d\alpha' d\beta' = \frac{1}{2} [e_3, \mathcal{H}]f \end{aligned}$$

Here in the second step we used (2.10), and the identity $(a \times b) \times c = b a \cdot c - a b \cdot c$. In the last step we used the fact $((e_3 \times \xi) \cdot \nabla) K(\xi) = \frac{1}{2}(e_3 K(\xi) - K(\xi) e_3)$ and $e_3 \times \mathcal{N} = \frac{1}{2}(e_3 \mathcal{N} - \mathcal{N} e_3)$. (2.12) therefore follows since $\Upsilon\zeta - e_3 \times \zeta = \Upsilon\lambda - e_3 \times \lambda = \varpi\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\lambda e_3$.

□

In what follows, we denote the vector fields in (2.1) by Γ_i $i = 1, \dots, 5$, or simply suppress the subscript and write as Γ . We shall write

$$\Gamma^k = \Gamma_1^{k_1} \Gamma_2^{k_2} \Gamma_3^{k_3} \Gamma_4^{k_4} \Gamma_5^{k_5}$$

for $k = (k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5)$. For a nonnegative integer k , we shall also use Γ^k to indicate a k -product of Γ_i , $i = 1, \dots, 5$.

We now develop a generalized Sobolev inequality. Let $\alpha_1 = \alpha$, $\alpha_2 = \beta$. We introduce

$$\Omega_{0j}^{\pm} = \pm \alpha_j \partial_t + \frac{1}{2} t \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1} H, \quad j = 1, 2 \quad (2.13)$$

where $H = (e_2 \partial_{\alpha_1} - e_1 \partial_{\alpha_2}) |D|^{-1}$. Therefore $H^2 = I$. We also denote $\Omega_{0j}^- = \Omega_{0j}$.⁶ Let $\mathfrak{P}^{\pm} = \partial_t^2 \pm (e_2 \partial_{\alpha_1} - e_1 \partial_{\alpha_2})$. Notice that $\mathfrak{P} = \mathfrak{P}^-$. We know

$$\mathcal{P}^{\pm} = \mathfrak{P}^{\pm} + \partial_t (b \cdot \nabla_{\perp}) + b \cdot \nabla_{\perp} (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_{\perp}) \pm A(\lambda_{\beta} \partial_{\alpha} - \lambda_{\alpha} \partial_{\beta}) \pm (A-1)(e_2 \partial_{\alpha} - e_1 \partial_{\beta}) \quad (2.14)$$

Let $P_d(\partial)$ be a polynomial of ∂_{α_j} , $j = 1, 2$, homogenous of degree d , with coefficients in \mathbb{R} . We have

⁶One may check that $[\Omega_{01}(e_2 \partial_{\alpha_1} - e_1 \partial_{\alpha_2}) - \frac{1}{2} \partial_t e_2, \mathfrak{P}] = 0$, $[\Omega_{02}(e_2 \partial_{\alpha_1} - e_1 \partial_{\alpha_2}) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_t e_1, \mathfrak{P}] = 0$. These are some of the invariant vector fields for \mathfrak{P} , not included in (2.1).

Lemma 2.3. 1.

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_{\alpha_1}^2 + \partial_{\alpha_2}^2)\Omega_{01}^\pm &= \pm(\partial_{\alpha_1}(2\partial_t + L_0\partial_t - \frac{1}{2}t\mathfrak{P}^\pm) + \partial_{\alpha_2}\Upsilon\partial_t) \\ (\partial_{\alpha_1}^2 + \partial_{\alpha_2}^2)\Omega_{02}^\pm &= \pm(\partial_{\alpha_2}(2\partial_t + L_0\partial_t - \frac{1}{2}t\mathfrak{P}^\pm) - \partial_{\alpha_1}\Upsilon\partial_t) \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

2.

$$\| |D|\Omega_{0j}^\pm F(t) \|_{L^2} \leq 2 \sum_{k \leq 1} \|\partial_t \Gamma^k F(t)\|_{L^2} + t \|\mathfrak{P}^\pm F(t)\|_{L^2} \quad (2.16)$$

3.

$$[\hat{\Gamma}, P_{d+l}(\partial)|D|^{-d}] = R|D|^l, \quad \text{for } \hat{\Gamma} = L_0, \Upsilon, \quad l = 0, 1, \quad [\Omega_{0j}, P_{d+1}(\partial)|D|^{-d}] = R\partial_t, \quad (2.17)$$

where R is a finite sum of operators of the type $P_k(\partial)|D|^{-k}$, and need not be the same for different $\hat{\Gamma}$, Ω_{0j} , $j = 1, 2$ or $l = 0, 1$.

Proof. (2.17) is straightforward using Fourier transform. We prove (2.15) for $\Omega_{01} = \Omega_{01}^-$, the other cases follows similarly. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\alpha_1}\Omega_{02} - \partial_{\alpha_2}\Omega_{01} &= \Upsilon\partial_t \\ \partial_{\alpha_1}\Omega_{01} + \partial_{\alpha_2}\Omega_{02} &= -2\partial_t - L_0\partial_t + \frac{1}{2}t\mathfrak{P} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$(\partial_{\alpha_1}^2 + \partial_{\alpha_2}^2)\Omega_{01} = \partial_{\alpha_1}(-2\partial_t - L_0\partial_t + \frac{1}{2}t\mathfrak{P}) - \partial_{\alpha_2}\Upsilon\partial_t.$$

(2.16) is straightforward from here. \square

Proposition 2.4 (generalized Sobolev inequality). *Let $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^{2+1})$ be a $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function, vanishing at spatial infinity. We have for $l = 1, 2$,*

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + t + |\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2|)|\partial_{\alpha_l} f(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, t)| \\ \lesssim \sum_{k \leq 4, j=1,2} (\|\Gamma^k \partial_t f(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\Gamma^k \partial_{\alpha_j} f(t)\|_{L^2}) + t \sum_{k \leq 3} \|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k f(t)\|_{L^2} \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Here $a \lesssim b$ means that there is a universal constant c , such that $a \leq cb$.

Proof. Let $r^2 = \alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2$, $r\partial_r = \alpha_1\partial_{\alpha_1} + \alpha_2\partial_{\alpha_2}$. We have

$$\sum_1^2 \frac{\alpha_j}{r} \Omega_{0j} = -r\partial_t + \frac{1}{2}t\partial_r |D|^{-1}H, \quad L_0 = \frac{1}{2}t\partial_t + r\partial_r$$

therefore

$$rL_0 + \frac{t}{2} \sum_1^2 \frac{\alpha_j}{r} \Omega_{0j} = r^2\partial_r + \frac{t^2}{4}\partial_r |D|^{-1}H. \quad (2.19)$$

Also

$$\sum_1^2 \Omega_{0j} \partial_{\alpha_j} = -r\partial_r \partial_t - \frac{1}{2}t|D|H, \quad \sum_1^2 \alpha_j L_0 \partial_{\alpha_j} = \frac{1}{2}t r \partial_t \partial_r + r^2 \partial_r^2$$

gives

$$\frac{1}{2}t \sum_1^2 \Omega_{0j} \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1}H + \sum_1^2 \alpha_j L_0 \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1}H = r^2 \partial_r^2 |D|^{-1}H - \frac{1}{4}t^2. \quad (2.20)$$

Let g be a $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function, $h = \partial_r |D|^{-1} Hg$. From (2.19), (2.20) we have (i is the complex number in this proof)

$$r^2 \partial_r (g + ih) - \frac{1}{4} t^2 i (g + ih) = F, \quad (2.21)$$

where

$$F = r L_0 g + \frac{t}{2} \sum_1^2 \frac{\alpha_j}{r} \Omega_{0j} g + i \left(\frac{1}{2} t \sum_1^2 \Omega_{0j} \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1} Hg + \sum_1^2 \alpha_j L_0 \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1} Hg \right).$$

Using (2.21) we get $r^2 \partial_r (e^{\frac{it^2}{4r}} (g + ih)) = e^{\frac{it^2}{4r}} F$, therefore (Recall by definition, components of a $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function are real valued.)

$$|g(re^{i\theta}, t)| \leq |(g + ih)(re^{i\theta}, t)| \leq \int_r^\infty \frac{1}{s^2} |F(se^{i\theta}, t)| ds \quad (2.22)$$

and this implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |g(re^{i\theta}, t)|^2 &\lesssim \frac{1}{r^2} \int_r^\infty s (|L_0 g|^2 + \sum_1^2 |L_0 \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1} Hg|^2) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{t^2}{r^4} \sum_{j=1}^2 \int_r^\infty s (|\Omega_{0j} g|^2 + |\Omega_{0j} \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1} Hg|^2) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

Now in (2.23) we let $g = \Upsilon^k \partial_{\alpha_l} f$. Using Lemma 1.2 on page 40 of [32], and (2.17), (2.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_{\alpha_l} f(re^{i\theta_0}, t)|^2 &\lesssim \sum_{k \leq 2} \int_0^{2\pi} |\Upsilon^k \partial_{\alpha_l} f(re^{i\theta}, t)|^2 d\theta \lesssim \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{k \leq 2, m \leq 1} \|L_0^m \Upsilon^k \partial_{\alpha_j} f(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{t^2}{r^4} \left(\sum_{j=1}^2 \sum_{k \leq 2} \| |D| \Omega_{0j} \Upsilon^k f(t) \|_{L^2}^2 + \|\partial_t \Upsilon^k f(t)\|_{L^2}^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.24)$$

A further application of (2.16) gives

$$|\partial_{\alpha_l} f(re^{i\theta_0}, t)|^2 \lesssim \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{k \leq 3} \sum_{j=1}^2 \|\Gamma^k \partial_{\alpha_j} f(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{t^2}{r^4} \sum_{k \leq 3} \|\Gamma^k \partial_t f(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{t^4}{r^4} \sum_{k \leq 2} \|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k f(t)\|_2^2. \quad (2.25)$$

From a similar argument we also have

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_{\alpha_m} |D|^{-1} H \partial_{\alpha_l} f(re^{i\theta_0}, t)|^2 &\lesssim \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{k \leq 3} \sum_{j=1}^2 \|\Gamma^k \partial_{\alpha_j} f(t)\|_2^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{t^2}{r^4} \sum_{k \leq 3} \|\Gamma^k \partial_t f(t)\|_2^2 + \frac{t^4}{r^4} \sum_{k \leq 2} \|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k f(t)\|_2^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

Case 0: $|t| + r \leq 1$. (2.18) follows from the standard Sobolev embedding.

Case 1: $t \leq r$ and $|t| + r \geq 1$. (2.18) follows from (2.25)

Case 2: $r \leq t$ and $|t| + r \geq 1$. We use (2.20). We have

$$\frac{1}{4} t^2 \partial_{\alpha_l} f = r^2 \partial_r^2 |D|^{-1} H \partial_{\alpha_l} f - \frac{1}{2} t \sum_{j=1}^2 \Omega_{0j} \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1} H \partial_{\alpha_l} f - \sum_{j=1}^2 \alpha_j L_0 \partial_{\alpha_j} |D|^{-1} H \partial_{\alpha_l} f \quad (2.27)$$

Using (2.26) to estimate the first term, the standard Sobolev embedding and Lemma 2.3 to estimate the second and third term on the right hand side of (2.27). We obtain (2.18). \square

Proposition 2.5. *Let f, g be real valued functions. We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\alpha_1} f \partial_{\alpha_2} g - \partial_{\alpha_2} f \partial_{\alpha_1} g &= \frac{2}{t} \{ \mp \partial_t (e_2 \partial_{\alpha_1} - e_1 \partial_{\alpha_2}) f \Upsilon g \\ &\quad + \Omega_{01}^{\pm} (e_2 \partial_{\alpha_1} - e_1 \partial_{\alpha_2}) f \partial_{\alpha_2} g - \Omega_{02}^{\pm} (e_2 \partial_{\alpha_1} - e_1 \partial_{\alpha_2}) f \partial_{\alpha_1} g \} \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

The proof is straightforward from definition. We omit the details.

2.2. Estimates of the Cauchy type integral operators. Let $J \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d; \mathbb{R}^l)$, $A_i \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $i = 1, \dots, m$, $F \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^l)$. Define (for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$)

$$C_1(J, A, f)(x) = p.v. \int F\left(\frac{J(x) - J(y)}{|x - y|}\right) \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (A_i(x) - A_i(y))}{|x - y|^{d+m}} f(y) dy. \quad (2.29)$$

Assume that $k_1(x, y) = F\left(\frac{J(x) - J(y)}{|x - y|}\right) \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (A_i(x) - A_i(y))}{|x - y|^{d+m}}$ is odd, i.e. $k_1(x, y) = -k_1(y, x)$.

Proposition 2.6. *There exist constants $c_1 = c_1(F, \|\nabla J\|_{L^\infty})$, $c_2 = c_2(F, \|\nabla J\|_{L^\infty})$, such that 1. For any $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\nabla A_i \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$,*

$$\|C_1(J, A, f)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c_1 \|\nabla A_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \dots \|\nabla A_m\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}. \quad (2.30)$$

2. For any $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\nabla A_i \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $2 \leq i \leq m$, $\nabla A_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$\|C_1(J, A, f)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c_2 \|\nabla A_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|\nabla A_2\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \dots \|\nabla A_m\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)}. \quad (2.31)$$

Proof. (2.30) is a result of Coifman, McIntosh and Meyer [9, 10, 20].

We prove (2.31) by the method of rotations. We only write for $d = 2$, $m = 1$, the same argument applies to general cases. Let $R_\theta f(x) = f(e^{i\theta} x)$, $x = (x_1, x_2) = x_1 + i x_2 \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$K(J, A, f)(x) = p.v. \int_{\mathbb{R}^1} F\left(\frac{J(x) - J(x+r)}{r}\right) \frac{A(x) - A(x+r)}{r^2} f(x+r) dr.$$

We have, from the assumption that $k_1(x, y)$ is odd, that

$$C_1(J, A, f)(x) = \int_0^\pi R_\theta^{-1} K(R_\theta J, R_\theta A, R_\theta f)(x) d\theta$$

(2.31) now follows from the inequality (3.21) in [39]. \square

Let J, A_i, F be as above, define (for $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^d$)

$$C_2(J, A, f)(x) = p.v. \int F\left(\frac{J(x) - J(y)}{|x - y|}\right) \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (A_i(x) - A_i(y))}{|x - y|^{d+m-1}} \partial_{y_k} f(y) dy. \quad (2.32)$$

Assume that $k_2(x, y) = F\left(\frac{J(x) - J(y)}{|x - y|}\right) \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (A_i(x) - A_i(y))}{|x - y|^{d+m-1}}$ is even, i.e. $k_2(x, y) = k_2(y, x)$.

Proposition 2.7. *There exist constants $c_1 = c_1(F, \|\nabla J\|_{L^\infty})$, $c_2 = c_2(F, \|\nabla J\|_{L^\infty})$, such that 1. For any $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\nabla A_i \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$,*

$$\|C_2(J, A, f)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c_1 \|\nabla A_1\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \cdots \|\nabla A_m\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)}. \quad (2.33)$$

2. For any $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $\nabla A_i \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$, $2 \leq i \leq m$, $\nabla A_1 \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$,

$$\|C_1(J, A, f)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \leq c_2 \|\nabla A_1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|\nabla A_2\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \cdots \|\nabla A_m\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)} \|f\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)}. \quad (2.34)$$

Proposition 2.7 follows from Proposition 2.6 and integration by parts. We also have the following L^∞ estimate for $C_1(J, A, f)$ as defined in (2.29).

Proposition 2.8. *There exists a constant $c = c(F, \|\nabla J\|_{L^\infty}, \|\nabla^2 J\|_{L^\infty})$, such that for any real number $r > 0$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \|C_1(J, A, f)\|_{L^\infty} \leq & c \left(\prod_{i=1}^m (\|\nabla A_i\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla^2 A_i\|_{L^\infty}) (\|f\|_{L^\infty} + \|\nabla f\|_{L^\infty}) \right. \\ & \left. + \prod_{i=1}^m \|\nabla A_i\|_{L^\infty} \|f\|_{L^\infty} \ln r + \prod_{i=1}^m \|\nabla A_i\|_{L^\infty} \|f\|_{L^2} \frac{1}{r^{d/2}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.35)$$

The proof of Proposition 2.8 is an easy modification of that of Proposition 3.4 in [39]. We omit.

At last, we record the standard Sobolev embedding.

Proposition 2.9. *For any $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$,*

$$\|f\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim \|f\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla f\|_{L^2} + \|\nabla^2 f\|_{L^2} \quad (2.36)$$

2.3. Regularities and relations among various quantities. In this subsection, we study the relations and L^2 , L^∞ regularities of various quantities involved. We first present the quasi-linear equation for $u = \xi_t \circ k^{-1}$ and a formula for \mathfrak{a}_t . These are very much the same as those derived in [38]. We also give the equations for λ^* and $\mathfrak{v} = (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\chi$.

Proposition 2.10. *We have 1.*

$$((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 + A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)u = U_k^{-1}(\mathfrak{a}_t N) \quad (2.37)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (I - \mathcal{H})(U_k^{-1}(\mathfrak{a}_t N)) = & 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(w - w') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) u' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ & + \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) \{((u - u') \times u'_{\beta'}) u'_{\alpha'} - ((u - u') \times u'_{\alpha'}) u'_{\beta'}\} d\alpha' d\beta' \\ & + 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) w' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ & + \iint ((u' - u) \cdot \nabla) K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) u' d\alpha' d\beta' \end{aligned} \quad (2.38)$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 + A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)\lambda^* = -(\mathcal{H} - \overline{\mathcal{H}})\overline{w} \\
& - e_3 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) u' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \\
& + 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(w - w') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \mathfrak{z}' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \\
& + \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) \{((u - u') \times u'_{\beta'}) \mathfrak{z}'_{\alpha'} - ((u - u') \times u'_{\alpha'}) \mathfrak{z}'_{\beta'}\} d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \\
& + 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) u'_3 d\alpha' d\beta' e_3 \\
& + \iint ((u' - u) \cdot \nabla) K(\zeta' - \zeta)(u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \mathfrak{z}' d\alpha' d\beta' e_3
\end{aligned} \tag{2.39}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}
& ((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)\mathfrak{v} = \frac{\mathfrak{a}_t}{\mathfrak{a}} \circ k^{-1} A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla \chi \\
& + A(u_\beta \chi_\alpha - u_\alpha \chi_\beta) + (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)\chi
\end{aligned} \tag{2.40}$$

Proof. (2.37) is derived from (1.23) (1.24). Taking derivative to t to (1.23), we have $\xi_{ttt} - \mathfrak{a}N_t = \mathfrak{a}_t N$. Using (1.13), (1.24), we derive

$$N_t = -\xi_\beta \times \xi_{t\alpha} + \xi_\alpha \times \xi_{t\beta} = -\xi_\beta \xi_{t\alpha} + \xi_\alpha \xi_{t\beta} = -N \times \nabla \xi_t.$$

Therefore

$$\xi_{ttt} + \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla \xi_t = \mathfrak{a}_t N \tag{2.41}$$

Now to derive an equation for $\mathfrak{a}_t N$, we apply $(I - \mathfrak{H})$ to both sides of (2.41). We get

$$(I - \mathfrak{H})(\mathfrak{a}_t N) = (I - \mathfrak{H})(\xi_{ttt} + (\mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)\xi_t) = [\partial_t^2 + \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla, \mathfrak{H}]\xi_t$$

(2.38) then follows from (1.19), (1.18) and an application of the coordinate change U_k^{-1} . An application of the coordinate change U_k^{-1} to (2.41) gives (2.37).

We can derive the equation for λ^* in a similar way as that for χ . We have

$$(\partial_t^2 + \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)\Lambda^* = (I + \mathfrak{H})(\partial_t^2 + \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)ze_3 + [\partial_t^2 + \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 \tag{2.42}$$

Notice that $(\partial_t^2 + \mathfrak{a}N \times \nabla)ze_3 = -\overline{\xi_{tt}}$ and

$$(I + \mathfrak{H})\overline{\xi_{tt}} = e_3(\xi_{tt} - \mathfrak{H}\xi_{tt})e_3 + (\mathfrak{H} - e_3\mathfrak{H}e_3)\overline{\xi_{tt}} = e_3[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\xi_te_3 + (\mathfrak{H} - \overline{\mathfrak{H}})\overline{\xi_{tt}}$$

(2.39) again follows from Lemma 1.2 and then an application of the change of coordinate U_k^{-1} to (2.42). We remark that the right hand sides of both (2.37), (2.39) are of terms that are at least quadratic.

(2.40) is obtained by taking derivative ∂_t to (1.25), then make the change of variable U_k^{-1} . \square

We present some useful identities in the following.

Proposition 2.11. For f^\pm satisfying $f^\pm = \pm \mathcal{H}f^\pm$, and g being vector valued, we have

$$\iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(g - g') \times (\zeta'_\beta \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f'^\pm d\alpha' d\beta' = (\pm I - \mathcal{H})(g \cdot \nabla_\xi^\pm f) \quad (2.43)$$

Proof. We only prove for f satisfying $f = \mathcal{H}f$. We know $f(\alpha, \beta, t) = F(\zeta(\alpha, \beta, t), t)$ for some F analytic in $\Omega(t)$. From (2.9), we have

$$\iint K(g - g') \times (\zeta'_\beta \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) f' d\alpha' d\beta' = \iint K \mathcal{N}'(g - g') \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f' = (I - \mathcal{H})(g \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f),$$

where in the last step we used the fact that $\partial_{\xi_i}^+ f = \mathcal{H} \partial_{\xi_i}^+ f$, since $\partial_{\xi_i}^+ f$ is the trace on $\Sigma(t)$ of the analytic function $\partial_{\xi_i} F$, $i = 1, 2, 3$. \square

Define

$$\mathcal{H}^* f = - \iint \zeta_\alpha \times \zeta_\beta K(\zeta' - \zeta) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' = - \iint \mathcal{N} K f' d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (2.44)$$

Proposition 2.12. For $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued smooth functions f and g , we have

$$\iint f \cdot \{\mathcal{H}g\} = \iint \{\mathcal{H}^* f\} \cdot g \quad \text{and} \quad (2.45)$$

$$(\mathcal{H}^* - \mathcal{H})f = \iint \{K(\zeta' - \zeta) \cdot (\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{N}') + K(\zeta' - \zeta) \times (\mathcal{N} - \mathcal{N}')\} f' \quad (2.46)$$

Proof. Both identities are straightforward from definition. We omit the details. \square

Let $\sigma_i = \{\sigma\}_i$ denote the e_i component of σ .

Lemma 2.13. Let Ω be a C^2 domain in \mathbb{R}^3 with $\partial\Omega = \Sigma$ being parametrized by $\xi = \xi(\alpha, \beta)$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and $N = \xi_\alpha \times \xi_\beta$, $\mathbf{n} = \frac{N}{|N|}$. Assume that F is a Clifford analytic function in Ω . Then the trace of $\nabla F_i : \nabla_\xi F_i = \nabla F_i(\xi(\alpha, \beta))$ satisfies

$$\nabla_\xi F_i = \mathbf{n} \left(-\frac{1}{|N|} (\xi_\beta \partial_\alpha - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta) F_i + \left\{ \frac{1}{|N|} (\xi_\beta \partial_\alpha - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta) F \right\}_i \right) \quad i = 1, 2, 3. \quad (2.47)$$

Proof. We know $\mathcal{D}F = 0$ in Ω . Therefore $\mathbf{n} \mathcal{D}_\xi F = -\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathcal{D}_\xi F + \mathbf{n} \times \mathcal{D}_\xi F = 0$. This implies

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla_\xi F_i = \{\mathbf{n} \times \nabla_\xi F\}_i = \left\{ \frac{1}{|N|} (\xi_\beta \partial_\alpha - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta) F \right\}_i.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_\xi F_i &= -\mathbf{n} \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla_\xi F_i = \mathbf{n} (\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla_\xi F_i - \mathbf{n} \times \nabla_\xi F_i) \\ &= \mathbf{n} \left(\left\{ \frac{1}{|N|} (\xi_\beta \partial_\alpha - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta) F \right\}_i - \frac{1}{|N|} (\xi_\beta \partial_\alpha - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta) F_i \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.48)$$

\square

The following identities give relations among various quantities.

Lemma 2.14. We have

$$\bar{\lambda} + \chi = (\bar{\mathcal{H}} - \mathcal{H}) \mathfrak{z} e_3 + \mathcal{K} \mathfrak{z} e_3, \quad \bar{\lambda}^* + \chi = (\bar{\mathcal{H}} - \mathcal{H}) \mathfrak{z} e_3 \quad (2.49)$$

$$\partial_\alpha \mathfrak{z} = -\mathcal{N} \cdot e_1 + (\partial_\alpha \lambda \times \partial_\beta \lambda) \cdot e_1, \quad \partial_\beta \mathfrak{z} = -\mathcal{N} \cdot e_2 + (\partial_\alpha \lambda \times \partial_\beta \lambda) \cdot e_2 \quad (2.50)$$

$$\mathcal{N} = e_3 + \partial_\alpha \lambda \times e_2 - \partial_\beta \lambda \times e_1 + \partial_\alpha \lambda \times \partial_\beta \lambda \quad (2.51)$$

$$A\mathcal{N} - e_3 = w, \quad (2.52)$$

$$2(\bar{u} + (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\chi) = (\mathcal{H} - \bar{\mathcal{H}})\bar{u} - 2[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 \quad (2.53)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2(\bar{w} + (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\mathfrak{v}) &= (\mathcal{H} - \bar{\mathcal{H}})\bar{w} + [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H} - \bar{\mathcal{H}}]\bar{u} \\ &\quad - 2(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 \end{aligned} \quad (2.54)$$

$$(\mathcal{H} - \bar{\mathcal{H}})f = -2 \iint K \cdot \mathcal{N}' f' + 2 \iint (K_1 \mathcal{N}'_2 - K_2 \mathcal{N}'_1) e_3 f' \quad (2.55)$$

where $K = K_1 e_1 + K_2 e_2 + K_3 e_3$, $\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}_1 e_1 + \mathcal{N}_2 e_2 + \mathcal{N}_3 e_3$, and f is a function.

Proof. (2.49), (2.51), (2.55) are straightforward from definition, (2.52) is (1.23) with a change of coordinate U_k^{-1} . Notice that the e_3 component of λ is \mathfrak{z} , therefore (2.50) follows straightforwardly from (2.51).

We now derive (2.53) from the definition of $\pi = (I - \mathfrak{H})ze_3$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} 2\partial_t \pi &= 2(I - \mathfrak{H})z_t e_3 - 2[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 = (I - \mathfrak{H})(\xi_t - \bar{\xi}_t) - 2[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 \\ &= -(I - \mathfrak{H})\bar{\xi}_t - 2[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 = -2\bar{\xi}_t + (\mathfrak{H} - \bar{\mathfrak{H}})\bar{\xi}_t - 2[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 \end{aligned} \quad (2.56)$$

Here in the last step we used (1.24). (2.53) follows from (2.56) with a change of coordinate U_k^{-1} . (2.54) is obtained by taking derivative $\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp$ to (2.53). \square

In what follows, we let $l \geq 4$, $l + 2 \leq q \leq 2l$, $\xi = \xi(\alpha, \beta, t)$, $t \in [0, T]$ be a solution of the water wave system (1.23)-(1.24). Assume that the mapping $k(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined in (1.28) is a diffeomorphism and its Jacobian $J(k(t)) > 0$, for $t \in [0, T]$. Assume for $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$,

$$\Gamma^j \partial \lambda, \Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}, \Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \chi, \Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathfrak{v} \in C([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)), \quad \text{for } |j| \leq q. \quad (2.57)$$

Let $t \in [0, T]$ be fixed. Assume that at this time t ,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \mathfrak{v}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathfrak{v}(t)\|_2) &\leq M \\ |\zeta(\alpha, \beta, t) - \zeta(\alpha', \beta', t)| &\geq \frac{1}{4}(|\alpha - \alpha'| + |\beta - \beta'|) \quad \text{for } \alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta' \in \mathbb{R} \end{aligned} \quad (2.58)$$

For the rest of this paper, the inequality $a \lesssim b$ means that there is a constant $c = c(M_0)$ depending on M_0 , or a universal constant c , such that $a \leq cb$. $a \simeq b$ means $a \lesssim b$ and $b \lesssim a$.

Lemma 2.15. *We have for $m \leq 2l$, and any function $\phi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, T])$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \Gamma^m]\phi(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{j \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j b(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial \Gamma^j \phi(t)\|_2 \\
& + \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j b(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial \Gamma^j \phi(t)\|_2 + \sum_{|j| \leq m-1} \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \phi(t)\|_2 \\
& \|[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \Gamma^m]\phi(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{j \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j b(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial \Gamma^j \phi(t)\|_2 \\
& + \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j b(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial \Gamma^j \phi(t)\|_2 + \sum_{|j| \leq m-1} \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \phi(t)\|_2
\end{aligned} \tag{2.59}$$

Proof. (2.59) is an easy consequence of the identities (2.4), (2.6) and Proposition 2.9:

$$[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \Gamma^m]\phi = \sum_{j=1}^m \Gamma^{m-j} [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \Gamma] \Gamma^{j-1} \phi$$

□

The following proposition gives the L^2 estimates of various quantities in terms of that of χ and \mathbf{v} . Let $t \in [0, T]$ be the time when (2.58) holds.

Proposition 2.16. *Let $m \leq q$. There is a $M_0 > 0$, sufficiently small, such that for $M \leq M_0$,*

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} (\|\Gamma^m \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m \partial \lambda^*(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m \partial \chi(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m \partial \mathbf{z}(t)\|_2) \\
& + \|\Gamma^m u(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m w(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \lambda^*(t)\|_2 \\
& \lesssim \sum_{|j| \leq m} (\|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2 + \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.60}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\Gamma^m b(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) b(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^m (A - 1)(t)\|_2 \\
& \lesssim M_0 \sum_{|j| \leq m} (\|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2 + \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.61}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \chi(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 \\
& \simeq \sum_{|j| \leq m} (\|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2 + \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2)
\end{aligned} \tag{2.62}$$

Proof. We prove Proposition 2.16 in five steps. Notice that

$$[\Gamma, \overline{\mathcal{H}}] = e_3 [\Gamma, \mathcal{H}] e_3, \quad [\Gamma, \mathcal{K}] = Re[\Gamma, \mathcal{H}] \tag{2.63}$$

Step 1. We first show that for $m \leq q$, there is a M_0 sufficiently small, such that if $M \leq M_0$,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{z}(t)\|_2. \tag{2.64}$$

Let $\partial = \partial_\alpha$ or ∂_β . From the definition $\lambda = (I + \mathcal{H})\mathfrak{z}e_3 - \mathcal{K}\mathfrak{z}e_3$, we have

$$\partial\lambda = (I + \mathcal{H})\partial\mathfrak{z}e_3 + [\partial, \mathcal{H}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 - [\partial, \mathcal{K}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 - \mathcal{K}\partial\mathfrak{z}e_3$$

Using (2.6) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^m \partial\lambda &= \sum_{j=1}^m \Gamma^{m-j} [\Gamma, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^{j-1} \partial\mathfrak{z}e_3 + (I + \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^m \partial\mathfrak{z}e_3 + \Gamma^m [\partial, \mathcal{H}] \mathfrak{z}e_3 \\ &\quad - \sum_{j=1}^m \Gamma^{m-j} [\Gamma, \mathcal{K}] \Gamma^{j-1} \partial\mathfrak{z}e_3 - \mathcal{K} \Gamma^m \partial\mathfrak{z}e_3 - \Gamma^m [\partial, \mathcal{K}] \mathfrak{z}e_3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore from (2.7), Lemma 1.2, (2.63), Propositions 2.2, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Gamma^m \partial\lambda(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\lambda(t)\|_2 \sum_{|j| \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 \\ &\quad + (1 + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\lambda(t)\|_2) \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

This gives us

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\lambda(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 \quad (2.65)$$

when M_0 is sufficiently small. The proof for the part of estimate for χ in (2.64) follows from a similar calculation and an application of (2.65). We therefore obtain (2.64).

Step 2. We show that for $m \leq q$, there is a sufficiently small M_0 , such that if $M \leq M_0$,

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j u(t)\|_2 \lesssim M_0 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 + \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \chi(t)\|_2. \quad (2.66)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j w(t)\|_2 &\lesssim M_0 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{|j| \leq m} (\|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \chi(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathfrak{v}(t)\|_2). \end{aligned} \quad (2.67)$$

We first prove (2.66). From (2.53), similar to Step 1 by using (2.6), then apply (2.7), Lemma 1.2, (2.63), Propositions 2.2, 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, and furthermore (2.64), we have for M_0 sufficiently small,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Gamma^m (\bar{u} + (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \chi)(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j u(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{|j| \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j u(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 \end{aligned} \quad (2.68)$$

Now in (2.68) let $m = l + 2$. We get for M_0 sufficiently small,

$$\sum_{|j| \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j u(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{|j| \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \chi(t)\|_2. \quad (2.69)$$

Applying (2.69) to the right hand side of (2.68) and we obtain (2.66).

Similar to the proof of (2.66), we start from (2.54), and use furthermore the estimates (2.64), (2.66), and the fact that $(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\mathfrak{z} = u_3$, we have (2.67).

Step 3. We have for $m \leq q$, there is a sufficiently small M_0 , such that if $M \leq M_0$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{|j| \leq m} (\|\Gamma^j(A-1)(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)b(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j b(t)\|_2) \\ & \lesssim M_0 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\chi(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\mathfrak{v}(t)\|_2). \end{aligned} \quad (2.70)$$

Starting from Proposition 1.4, the proof of (2.70) is similar to that in Steps 1 and 2, and uses the results in Steps 1 & 2. We omit the details.

We have

Step 4. There is M_0 sufficiently small, such that for $m \leq q$, $M \leq M_0$,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{|j| \leq m} (\|\Gamma^j(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\chi(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\mathfrak{v}(t)\|_2). \quad (2.71)$$

(2.71) is obtained using (2.50), (2.52). We have

$$\partial_\alpha \mathfrak{z} = -w \cdot e_1 + (A-1)\mathcal{N} \cdot e_1 + (\partial_\alpha \lambda \times \partial_\beta \lambda) \cdot e_1$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Gamma^m \partial_\alpha \mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 & \lesssim \|\Gamma^m w(t)\|_2 + \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j(A-1)(t)\|_2 + \\ & \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j(A-1)(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2) \end{aligned}$$

Now we apply estimates in Steps 1-3, we get (2.71). Finally

Step 5. Apply Lemma 2.15 to $\phi = \chi$ and $\phi = (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\chi$, and use results in Steps 1-4, we obtain (2.62). From definition we know $\lambda^* = 2\mathfrak{z}e_3 - \chi = 2\lambda_3 e_3 - \chi$ and $(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\lambda = u - b$. Combine Steps 1-4 and apply (2.62), we obtain (2.60), (2.61). This finishes the proof of Proposition 2.16. \square

We now give the L^∞ estimates for various quantities in terms of that of $\nabla_\perp \chi$, and $\nabla_\perp \mathfrak{v}$. Let $t \in [0, T]$ be the time when (2.58) holds. Define

$$E_m(t) = \sum_{|j| \leq m} (\|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2^2 + \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Gamma^j \mathfrak{v}(t)\|_2^2) \quad (2.72)$$

Proposition 2.17. *There exist a $M_0 > 0$ small enough, such that if $M \leq M_0$,*

1. *for $2 \leq m \leq l$ we have*

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^*(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty) \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty; \quad (2.73)$$

2. for $2 \leq m \leq l-1$, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial u(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty); \quad (2.74)$$

3. for $2 \leq m \leq l-2$, we have

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j w(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \quad (2.75)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{|j| \leq m} (|\Gamma^j (A-1)(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) b(t)|_\infty) \\ & \lesssim E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \end{aligned} \quad (2.76)$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j b(t)|_\infty \lesssim E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty; \quad (2.77)$$

4. for $l+1 \leq m \leq q-2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^*(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{z}(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty \\ & + E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{t} + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq [\frac{m+2}{2}]+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) \right\}; \end{aligned} \quad (2.78)$$

5. for $l \leq m \leq q-4$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial u(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty \\ & + E_{m+3}^{1/2}(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{t} + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq [\frac{m+2}{2}]+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.79)$$

here $[s]$ is the largest integer $< s$.

Proof. We will again use the identities in Lemma 2.14.

Step 1. We use (2.49) to prove (2.73) for $2 \leq m \leq l$. Taking derivative ∂ to (2.49), $\partial = \partial_\alpha$ or ∂_β , we get

$$\partial \bar{\lambda} + \partial \chi = [\partial, \bar{\mathcal{H}} - \mathcal{H}]_3 e_3 + (\bar{\mathcal{H}} - \mathcal{H}) \partial_3 e_3 + [\partial, \mathcal{K}]_3 e_3 + \mathcal{K} \partial_3 e_3 \quad (2.80)$$

Using (1.16), (1.17), (2.63), (2.6), (2.7) and Propositions 2.6, 2.9, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j (\partial \bar{\lambda} + \partial \chi)(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{z}(t)\|_2 \\ & + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{z}(t)|_\infty \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{z}(t)\|_2) \end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 2.16, we have that for $M_0 > 0$ small enough,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + M_0 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty \quad (2.81)$$

Similar argument also gives that

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^*(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + M_0 \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty \quad (2.82)$$

On the other hand, from the definition we have $2\mathfrak{z}e_3 = \lambda^* + \chi$, this implies

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^*(t)|_\infty \quad (2.83)$$

Combine (2.82), (2.83), we have for M_0 small enough,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^*(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty \quad \text{and}$$

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty$$

Applying to (2.81), we obtain (2.73).

Step 2. We prove (2.74) for $2 \leq m \leq l-1$. The argument is similar to Step 1.

Starting from (2.53), using (1.15), (2.63), (2.6), (2.7) and Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\Gamma^m(\partial_\alpha \bar{u} + \partial_\alpha \mathfrak{v})(t)|_\infty &\lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial u(t)|_\infty \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty) \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial u(t)\|_2 \end{aligned}$$

Argue similarly for $\partial_\beta u$ and using (2.73) and Proposition 2.16, we obtain for $2 \leq m \leq l-1$ and M_0 small enough,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial u(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{v}(t)|_\infty).$$

Step 3. We prove (2.75) and (2.76) for $2 \leq m \leq l-2$.

From (2.52), $w = (A-1)\mathcal{N} + \mathcal{N} - e_3$, using (2.51), (2.73) and Proposition 2.16, we get

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j w(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j (A-1)(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty) \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j (A-1)(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty). \quad (2.84)$$

On the other hand, from (1.39), using similar argument as in Steps 1 and 2 and using (2.73), (2.74), Proposition 2.16, we have for M_0 small enough, $2 \leq m \leq l-2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j(A-1)(t)|_\infty &\lesssim E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j w(t)|_\infty \\ &+ E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.85)$$

Combining (2.84), (2.85), we obtain for M_0 small enough,

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j(A-1)(t)|_\infty \lesssim E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \right) \quad (2.86)$$

(2.75) therefore follows from (2.84), (2.86). Using (1.38), the estimate for $\sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)b(t)|_\infty$ can be obtained similarly. We omit the details.

Step 4. We prove (2.77). We first put the terms $[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]_{\mathfrak{z}}$, $[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{K}]_{\mathfrak{z}}$ in (1.38) in an appropriate form for carrying out our estimate. We know $2\mathfrak{z}e_3 = \lambda^* + \chi$ and λ^* (or χ) is the trace of an analytic function in $\Omega(t)$ (or $\Omega(t)^c$) respectively. Using (1.15), and Proposition 2.11, We have

$$\begin{aligned} 2[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]_{\mathfrak{z}}e_3 &= [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\lambda^* + [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\chi \\ &= u \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ \lambda^* - \mathcal{H}(u \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ \lambda^*) - u \cdot \nabla_\xi^- \chi - \mathcal{H}(u \cdot \nabla_\xi^- \chi) \end{aligned} \quad (2.87)$$

Notice that $[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{K}]_{\mathfrak{z}} = \text{Re}[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]_{\mathfrak{z}}$. Now using (1.38), and Proposition 2.9, Lemma 2.13, Proposition 2.16, (2.73), we obtain

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j b(t)|_\infty \lesssim E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty.$$

Step 5. We prove (2.78).

Let $l+1 \leq m \leq q-2$ and $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$. Applying Propositions 2.9, 2.6, 2.8 with $r = t$, and (2.60), (2.73) to (2.80), we get the estimate for $\partial \lambda$:

$$|\Gamma^m \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty \lesssim |\Gamma^m \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + E_{m+2}^{1/2}(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{t} + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq [\frac{m+2}{2}] + 1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) \right\}$$

Similar argument gives the estimate for $\partial \lambda^*$. The estimate for $\partial \mathfrak{z}$ follows since $\mathfrak{z} = \lambda^* + \chi$.

Step 6. (2.79) is obtained similarly by using (2.53). We omit the details. \square

For the L^2 , L^∞ estimates of $\frac{a_t}{a} \circ k^{-1}$, we have the following Lemma.

Lemma 2.18. *Let f be real valued such that*

$$(I - \mathcal{H})(f\mathcal{N}) = g, \quad (2.88)$$

$t \in [0, T]$ be the time when (2.58) holds. There exists a $M_0 > 0$, such that if $M \leq M_0$,

1. for $0 \leq m \leq l+2$, we have

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j f(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j g(t)\|_2. \quad (2.89)$$

2. for $l+2 < m \leq q$,

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j f(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{|j| \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j g(t)\|_2 + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \sum_{|j| \leq m} \|\Gamma^j g(t)\|_2. \quad (2.90)$$

3. for $0 \leq m \leq l$,

$$\sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^j f(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{|j| \leq m} |\Gamma^k g(t)|_\infty + \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq 1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty + \sum_{|j| \leq m+2} \|\Gamma^j g(t)\|_2 \quad (2.91)$$

Proof. The proof follows similar idea as that of Lemma 3.8 in [39]. From (2.88), we have

$$(I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^j f) \mathcal{N} = \Gamma^j g + [\Gamma^j, \mathcal{H}](f \mathcal{N}) - (I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^j(f \mathcal{N}) - (\Gamma^j f) \mathcal{N}) \quad (2.92)$$

Let $R = \Gamma^j g + [\Gamma^j, \mathcal{H}](f \mathcal{N}) - (I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^j(f \mathcal{N}) - (\Gamma^j f) \mathcal{N})$. Multiplying e_3 both left and right to both sides of (2.92), we obtain

$$(I + \overline{\mathcal{H}})(\Gamma^j f) \overline{\mathcal{N}} = \overline{R} \quad (2.93)$$

Here we used the fact that f is real valued. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} 2\Gamma^j f e_3 &= \Gamma^j f(\overline{\mathcal{N}} + e_3) + \Gamma^j f(-\mathcal{N} + e_3) + \mathcal{H}(\Gamma^j f(\overline{\mathcal{N}} + \mathcal{N})) \\ &\quad + (\overline{\mathcal{H}} - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^j f \overline{\mathcal{N}}) + R - \overline{R} \end{aligned} \quad (2.94)$$

Lemma 2.18 is then obtained by applying (2.6), Lemma 1.2, Proposition 2.2, (2.55), Propositions 2.7, 2.9 2.16 to (2.94) and by an inductive argument. We omit the details. \square

Let \mathcal{K}^* be the adjoint of the double layered potential operator \mathcal{K} :

$$\mathcal{K}^* f(\alpha, \beta, t) = \iint \mathcal{N} \cdot K(\zeta' - \zeta) f(\alpha', \beta', t) d\alpha' d\beta' \quad (2.95)$$

Proposition 2.19. *Let $f(\cdot, t)$ be a real valued function on \mathbb{R}^2 . Then 1.*

$$(\mathcal{I} \pm \mathcal{K}^*)(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^\pm f) = \pm \iint (\mathcal{N} \times K(\zeta' - \zeta)) \cdot (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} f' - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'} f') d\alpha' d\beta'. \quad (2.96)$$

2. At $t \in [0, T]$ when (2.58) holds,

$$\|\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f(t) + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} (|\partial \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty) \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} \|\partial f(t)\|_2 \quad (2.97)$$

3. At $t \in [0, T]$ when (2.58) holds,

$$\|\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f(t) + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq 3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial^j \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\partial^j \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty) \|f(t)\|_2 \quad (2.98)$$

Proof. From definition, we know $N \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f$ and $N \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f$ are the normal derivatives of the harmonic extensions of f into $\Omega(t)$ and $\Omega(t)^c$ respectively. (2.96) is basically the equality (3.13) in [38]. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f &= \mathcal{K}^*(-\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f) \quad \text{and} \\ -\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f &= \mathcal{K}^*(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f) \\ &\quad - 2 \iint (\mathcal{N} \times K(\zeta' - \zeta)) \cdot (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} f' - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'} f') d\alpha' d\beta'. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f &= \mathcal{K}^{*2}(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ f + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- f) \\ &\quad - 2\mathcal{K}^* \iint (\mathcal{N} \times K(\zeta' - \zeta)) \cdot (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} f' - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'} f') d\alpha' d\beta'. \end{aligned} \quad (2.99)$$

From (2.99), (2.97) is straightforward with an application of Proposition 2.6.

To prove (2.98), we rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} &\iint (\mathcal{N} \times K(\zeta' - \zeta)) \cdot (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} f' - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'} f') d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &= \partial_\alpha \iint (\mathcal{N} \times K) \cdot \zeta'_{\beta'} f' d\alpha' d\beta' - \partial_\beta \iint (\mathcal{N} \times K) \cdot \zeta'_{\alpha'} f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad - \iint (\partial_\alpha + \partial_{\alpha'}) (\mathcal{N} \times K(\zeta' - \zeta)) \cdot \zeta'_{\beta'} f' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &\quad + \iint (\partial_\beta + \partial_{\beta'}) (\mathcal{N} \times K(\zeta' - \zeta)) \cdot \zeta'_{\alpha'} f' d\alpha' d\beta' \end{aligned} \quad (2.100)$$

Here we just used integration by parts. (2.98) now follows from (2.99), (2.100) with a further application of integration by parts and an application of Proposition 2.6. (Notice that $\mathcal{N} \cdot \zeta_\alpha = \mathcal{N} \cdot \zeta_\beta = 0$)

□

3. ENERGY ESTIMATES

In this section, we use the expanded set of vector fields $\Gamma = \{\partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0 = \frac{1}{2}t\partial_t + \alpha\partial_\alpha + \beta\partial_\beta, \varpi = \alpha\partial_\beta - \beta\partial_\alpha - \frac{1}{2}e_3\}$ to construct energy functional and derive energy estimates for the water wave system (1.23)-(1.24). Our strategy is to construct two energy estimates, the first one involves a full range of derivatives and we will show using Proposition 2.4 that it grows no faster than $(1+t)^\epsilon$ provided the energy involving some lower orders of derivatives is bounded by $c\epsilon^2$. The second one involves the aforementioned lower orders of derivatives, and we will show it stays bounded by $c\epsilon^2$ for all time provided initially it is bounded by $\frac{c}{2}\epsilon^2$ and the energy involving the full range of derivatives does not grow faster than $(1+t)^\delta$ for some $\delta < 1$. The estimates will be carried out using (1.35), (2.40).

We first present the following basic energy estimates. The first one will be used to derive the energy estimate for the full range of derivatives, and second one the lower orders of derivatives.

Lemma 3.1 (Basic energy inequality I). *Assume that θ is real valued and satisfying*

$$(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 \theta + \mathbf{A} \mathbf{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ \theta = \mathbf{G} \quad (3.1)$$

and θ is smooth and decays fast at spatial infinity. Let

$$E(t) = \iint \frac{1}{A} |(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \theta(\alpha, \beta, t)|^2 + \theta(\mathbf{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+) \theta(\alpha, \beta, t) d\alpha d\beta \quad (3.2)$$

Then

$$\frac{dE}{dt} \leq \iint \frac{2}{A} \mathbf{G} (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \theta d\alpha d\beta + (\|\frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1}\|_{L^\infty} + 2\|\nabla \mathbf{v}(t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega(t))}) E(t) \quad (3.3)$$

Proof. Let θ^h be the harmonic extension of θ to $\Omega(t)$. Make a change of coordinate to (3.1) and (3.2), and use the Green's identity, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial_t^2 + \mathbf{a} \mathbf{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+) (\theta \circ k) &= \mathbf{G} \circ k \quad \text{and} \\ E(t) &= \iint \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} |\partial_t(\theta \circ k)|^2 d\alpha d\beta + \int_{\Omega(t)} |\nabla \theta^h|^2 dV \end{aligned}$$

We know

$$\frac{d}{dt} \iint \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} |\partial_t(\theta \circ k)|^2 d\alpha d\beta = \iint \frac{2}{\mathbf{a}} \partial_t(\theta \circ k) \partial_t^2(\theta \circ k) - \frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}^2} |\partial_t(\theta \circ k)|^2 d\alpha d\beta.$$

To calculate $\frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega(t)} |\nabla \theta^h|^2 dV$, we introduce the fluid map $X(\cdot, t) : \Omega(0) \rightarrow \Omega(t)$ satisfying $\partial_t X(\cdot, t) = \mathbf{v}(\cdot, t)$, $X(\cdot, 0) = I$. From the incompressibility of \mathbf{v} we know the Jacobian of $X(\cdot, t) : J(X(t)) = 1$. Let $D_t = \partial_t + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla$, we know

$$D_t \nabla \theta^h - \nabla D_t \theta^h = - \sum_{j=1}^3 \nabla \mathbf{v}_j \partial_{\xi_j} \theta^h \quad (3.4)$$

Now applying the above calculation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega(t)} |\nabla \theta^h|^2 dV &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega(0)} |\nabla \theta^h(X(\cdot, t), t)|^2 dV \\ &= 2 \int_{\Omega(0)} D_t \nabla \theta^h \cdot \nabla \theta^h(X(\cdot, t), t) dV = 2 \int_{\Omega(t)} D_t \nabla \theta^h \cdot \nabla \theta^h dV \\ &= 2 \int_{\Omega(t)} \nabla D_t \theta^h \cdot \nabla \theta^h dV - 2 \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_{\Omega(t)} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j \partial_{\xi_j} \theta^h \cdot \nabla \theta^h dV \\ &= 2 \iint \partial_t(\theta \circ k) (\mathbf{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+) (\theta \circ k) d\alpha d\beta - 2 \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_{\Omega(t)} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j \partial_{\xi_j} \theta^h \cdot \nabla \theta^h dV \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

In the last step we used the divergence Theorem. So

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \iint \frac{2}{\mathbf{a}} \partial_t(\theta \circ k) \mathbf{G} \circ k - \frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}^2} |\partial_t(\theta \circ k)|^2 d\alpha d\beta - 2 \sum_{j=1}^3 \int_{\Omega(t)} \nabla \mathbf{v}_j \partial_{\xi_j} \theta^h \cdot \nabla \theta^h dV \quad (3.6)$$

Making a change of variable U_k^{-1} and using the Green's identity gives us (3.3). \square

Lemma 3.2 (Basic energy equality II). *Assume that Θ is a smooth $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function satisfying $\Theta = -\mathcal{H}\Theta$, and*

$$((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - \mathcal{A}\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)\Theta = G \quad (3.7)$$

Let

$$E(t) = \iint \frac{1}{A} |(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Theta|^2 - \Theta \cdot \{(\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)\Theta\}(\alpha, \beta, t) d\alpha d\beta \quad (3.8)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE}{dt} &= \iint \left\{ \frac{2}{A} G \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Theta\} - \frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1} \frac{1}{A} |(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Theta|^2 \right\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &\quad - \iint \{(\Theta \cdot (u_\beta \Theta_\alpha) - \Theta \cdot (u_\alpha \Theta_\beta)) + \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Theta \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\Theta\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \iint \{(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^-)\Theta\} \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\Theta d\alpha d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Proof. By making a change of coordinates U_k we know Θ satisfies

$$(\partial_t^2 - \mathbf{a}N \times \nabla)\Theta \circ k = G \circ k \quad \text{and}$$

$$E(t) = \iint \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}} (\Theta \circ k)_t \cdot (\Theta \circ k)_t - \Theta \circ k \cdot \{(\xi_\beta \partial_\alpha - \xi_\alpha \partial_\beta)(\Theta \circ k)\} d\alpha d\beta$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dE}{dt} &= \iint \left\{ \frac{2}{\mathbf{a}} (\Theta \circ k)_t \cdot (\Theta \circ k)_{tt} - \frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}^2} |(\Theta \circ k)_t|^2 - \Theta \circ k \cdot \{(\xi_{t\beta} \partial_\alpha - \xi_{t\alpha} \partial_\beta)(\Theta \circ k)\} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - (\Theta \circ k)_t \cdot \{(N \times \nabla)(\Theta \circ k)\} - \Theta \circ k \cdot \{(N \times \nabla)(\Theta \circ k)_t\} \right\} d\alpha d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Now from the assumption $\Theta = -\mathcal{H}\Theta = \frac{1}{2}(I - \mathcal{H})\Theta$, we have

$$(\Theta \circ k)_t = \frac{1}{2}(I - \mathfrak{H})(\Theta \circ k)_t - \frac{1}{2}[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\Theta \circ k$$

and

$$[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\Theta \circ k = \mathfrak{H}([\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\Theta \circ k) \quad (3.11)$$

Using integration by parts, and the fact that for Φ satisfying $\Phi = \pm \mathfrak{H}\Phi$, $N \times \nabla \Phi = N \cdot \nabla_\xi^\pm \Phi$,⁷ and $N \cdot \nabla_\xi^\pm$ is self-adjoint, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\iint \Theta \circ k \cdot \{(N \times \nabla)(\Theta \circ k)_t\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \iint \Theta \circ k \cdot \{(N \times \nabla)(I - \mathfrak{H})(\Theta \circ k)_t\} d\alpha d\beta - \frac{1}{2} \iint \Theta \circ k \cdot \{(N \times \nabla)[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\Theta \circ k\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \iint (N \times \nabla)\Theta \circ k \cdot \{(I - \mathfrak{H})(\Theta \circ k)_t\} d\alpha d\beta - \frac{1}{2} \iint (N \cdot \nabla_\xi^+)\Theta \circ k \cdot \{[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\Theta \circ k\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &= \iint (N \times \nabla)\Theta \circ k \cdot \{(\Theta \circ k)_t\} d\alpha d\beta + \iint (N \times \nabla)\Theta \circ k \cdot \{[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\Theta \circ k\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \iint (N \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ + N \cdot \nabla_\xi^-)\Theta \circ k \cdot \{[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}]\Theta \circ k\} d\alpha d\beta \end{aligned}$$

Sum up the above calculation and make a change of variable U_k^{-1} gives us (3.9). \square

⁷ We know $\Phi = \pm \mathfrak{H}\Phi$ implies Φ is analytic in $\Omega(t)$ or $\Omega(t)^c$, i.e. $\mathcal{D}_\xi \Phi = 0$, therefore $N \times \nabla \Phi = N \cdot \nabla_\xi^\pm \Phi$.

In what follows in this section we make the following assumptions on the solution. Let $l \geq 6$, $l+2 \leq q \leq 2l$, $\xi = \xi(\alpha, \beta, t)$, $t \in [0, T]$ be a solution of the water wave system (1.23)-(1.24). Assume that the mapping $k(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined in (1.28) is a diffeomorphism and its Jacobian $J(k(t)) > 0$, for $t \in [0, T]$. Assume for $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$,

$$\Gamma^j \partial \lambda, \Gamma^j \partial_3, \Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \chi, \Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathbf{v} \in C([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)), \quad \text{for } |j| \leq q. \quad (3.12)$$

and

$$\sup_{[0, T]} \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial_3(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2) \leq M \quad (3.13)$$

$$|\zeta(\alpha, \beta, t) - \zeta(\alpha', \beta', t)| \geq \frac{1}{4}(|\alpha - \alpha'| + |\beta - \beta'|) \quad \text{for } \alpha, \beta, \alpha', \beta' \in \mathbb{R}$$

where $0 < M \leq M_0$, M_0 is the constant such that all the estimates derived in subsection 2.3 holds and such that $|A - 1| \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

We have the following

Lemma 3.3. *Let $2 \leq m \leq \min\{2l - 7, q - 5\}$, $t \in [0, T]$. There exists $M_0 > 0$ sufficiently small, such that for $M \leq M_0$,*

$$t \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \lesssim E_{5+m}^{1/2}(t) (1 + t \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{m+3}{2}]+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \quad (3.14)$$

In particular, for $5 \leq m \leq \min\{2l - 11, q - 5\}$, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq m \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \lesssim \frac{1}{1+t} E_{5+m}^{1/2}(t) \quad (3.15)$$

Proof. Let $t \in [0, T]$, $i \leq m \leq \min\{2l - 7, q - 5\}$. From Propositions 2.4 and 2.16, we have

$$t(|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \lesssim E_{5+i}^{1/2}(t) + t \sum_{|k| \leq 3+i} (\|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k \chi(t)\|_2 + \|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2) \quad (3.16)$$

We estimate $\|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k \chi(t)\|_2$ and $\|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2$ using (1.35), (2.40). We know for $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$,

$$\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k \phi = \Gamma^k \mathcal{P} \phi + [\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^k] \phi + (\mathfrak{P} - \mathcal{P}) \Gamma^k \phi$$

Let $k \leq 3 + m \leq \min\{2l - 4, q - 2\}$. We know $E_{2+l}(t) \lesssim M_0^2$. Using (2.6), (2.5), (2.14), Propositions 2.16, 2.17, we have for $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$,

$$\|[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^k] \phi(t)\|_2 \lesssim E_k^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{k}{2}]+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty), \quad \text{and} \quad (3.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\mathfrak{P} - \mathcal{P}) \Gamma^k \chi(t)\|_2 &\lesssim E_{k+1}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 4 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \\ \|(\mathfrak{P} - \mathcal{P}) \Gamma^k \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 &\lesssim E_{k+2}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 4 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty). \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

We now estimate $\|\Gamma^k \mathcal{P}\chi(t)\|_2$. From (1.35), (2.8), we know there are two types of terms in $\Gamma^k \mathcal{P}\chi$. One are terms of cubic and higher orders. Collectively, we name such terms as C . Another type are quadratic terms of the following form:

$$Q_j = \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(\dot{\Gamma}^j u - \dot{\Gamma}^{j'} u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}' d\alpha' d\beta'$$

For the cubic terms C , we use Propositions 2.9, 2.6, 2.7, 2.16, 2.17. We have

$$\|C(t)\|_2 \lesssim E_k^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{k}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty). \quad (3.19)$$

For the quadratic terms Q_j with $j \leq [\frac{k}{2}] + 1$, we use Proposition 2.7, and 2.16, 2.17. We have

$$\|Q_j(t)\|_2 \lesssim E_k^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{k}{2}] + 1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty). \quad (3.20)$$

To estimate $\|Q_j(t)\|_2$ for $k \geq j > [\frac{k}{2}] + 1$, we rewrite it by using Proposition 2.11:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_j &= \frac{1}{2} \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(\dot{\Gamma}^j u - \dot{\Gamma}^{j'} u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) ((I + \mathcal{H}') + (I - \mathcal{H}')) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (I - \mathcal{H}) ((\dot{\Gamma}^j u \cdot \nabla_\xi^+) (I + \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}) - \frac{1}{2} (I + \mathcal{H}) ((\dot{\Gamma}^j u \cdot \nabla_\xi^-) (I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}) \end{aligned}$$

Applying Proposition 2.6, Lemma 2.13, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_j(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \|\dot{\Gamma}^j u(t)\|_2 \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} (|\partial (I + \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}(t)|_\infty + |\partial (I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}(t)|_\infty) \\ &\lesssim \|\dot{\Gamma}^j u(t)\|_2 \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} (|\partial (I + \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}(t)|_\infty) \end{aligned}$$

We know from the fact $-\bar{\mathcal{H}}\bar{u} = \bar{u}$ ⁸ that

$$(I + \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u} = \Gamma^{k-j} (-\bar{\mathcal{H}} + \mathcal{H}) \bar{u} - [\Gamma^{k-j}, \mathcal{H}] \bar{u}$$

Applying (2.55), (2.6), Propositions 2.9, 2.6, 2.7, 2.16, 2.17, we get

$$|\partial (I + \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^{k-j} \bar{u}(t)|_\infty \lesssim E_{k-j+3}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq k-j+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq k-j+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty$$

Here we used the fact $E_{l+2}(t) \lesssim M_0^2$. Therefore for $k \geq j > [\frac{k}{2}] + 1$,

$$\|Q_j(t)\|_2 \lesssim E_k^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{k}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \quad (3.21)$$

Sum up (3.19)-(3.21), we have

$$\|\Gamma^k \mathcal{P}\chi(t)\|_2 \lesssim E_k^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{k}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \quad (3.22)$$

⁸ (1.24) gives $\mathcal{H}u = u$, therefore $-\bar{\mathcal{H}}\bar{u} = \bar{u}$.

A similar argument gives that

$$\|\Gamma^k \mathcal{P} \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 \lesssim E_{k+1}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{k}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \quad (3.23)$$

Combine (3.17)-(3.23), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k \chi(t)\|_2 &\lesssim E_{k+1}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq \max\{[\frac{k}{2}] + 2, 4\} \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \\ \|\mathfrak{P} \Gamma^k \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 &\lesssim E_{k+2}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq \max\{[\frac{k}{2}] + 2, 4\} \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty). \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

This gives us (3.14). For $t \leq 1$ (3.15) can be obtained from the Sobolev embedding and Proposition 2.16. For $t \geq 1$, (3.15) is obtained by first applying (3.14) to the case $5 \leq m \leq l - 3$, i.e. when $[\frac{m+3}{2}] + 2 \leq m$ and $5 + m \leq l + 2$ and using the fact $E_{l+2}(t) \lesssim M_0^2$; then applying (3.14) to the case $m \leq \min\{2l - 11, q - 5\}$. We know in this case $[\frac{m+3}{2}] + 2 \leq l - 3$. \square

In what follows we establish two energy estimates.

3.1. The first energy estimate. The first energy estimate concerns a full range of derivatives. We use Lemma 3.1 and (1.35), (2.40).

Assume that ϕ is a $\mathcal{C}(V_2)$ valued function satisfying the equation

$$((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)\phi = G^\phi. \quad (3.25)$$

Let $\Phi^j = (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j \phi$. We know for $\mathcal{P} = (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla$,

$$((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 - A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)\Phi^j = -[\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j \phi + (I - \mathcal{H})[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^j]\phi + (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j G^\phi. \quad (3.26)$$

Notice that $\Phi^j = -\mathcal{H}\Phi^j$ implies $\mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j = \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^- \Phi^j$. Therefore

$$((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 + A\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+) \Phi^j = \mathbf{G}_j^\phi \quad (3.27)$$

where

$$\mathbf{G}_j^\phi = -[\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j \phi + (I - \mathcal{H})[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^j]\phi + (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j G^\phi + A(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^-)\Phi^j$$

Define

$$F_j^\phi(t) = \iint \frac{1}{A} |(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j(\alpha, \beta, t)|^2 + \Phi^j \cdot (\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+) \Phi^j(\alpha, \beta, t) d\alpha d\beta \quad (3.28)$$

We know $\iint \Phi^j \cdot (\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+) \Phi^j(\alpha, \beta, t) d\alpha d\beta = \int_{\Omega(t)} |\nabla \{\Phi^j\}^h|^2 dV \geq 0$. Let

$$\mathcal{F}_n(t) = \sum_{|j| \leq n} (F_j^\mathbf{v}(t) + F_j^\chi(t)) \quad (3.29)$$

and $V^j = (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j \mathbf{v}$, $\Pi^j = (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j \chi$. We have

Lemma 3.4. *Let $n \leq q$, $t \in [0, T]$. There exists $M_0 > 0$ small enough, such that for $M \leq M_0$,*

$$\sum_{|j| \leq n} \iint \frac{1}{A} (|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) V^j(\alpha, \beta, t)|^2 + |(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Pi^j(\alpha, \beta, t)|^2) d\alpha d\beta \simeq E_n(t) \quad (3.30)$$

Proof. Notice that $\Gamma^j \phi = \frac{1}{2}(I + \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j \phi + \frac{1}{2}\Phi^j$. We know $\mathcal{H}\chi = -\chi$. So for $\phi = \chi$, \mathbf{v} ,

$$(I + \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j \chi = -[\Gamma^j, \mathcal{H}]\chi, \quad (I + \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j \mathbf{v} = -[\Gamma^j, \mathcal{H}]\mathbf{v} - \Gamma^j[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\chi \quad (3.31)$$

(3.30) follows by applying Lemma 1.2, Proposition 2.2, (2.6), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, and (2.60) to (3.31). \square

We now state the following energy estimate.

Proposition 3.5. *Let $3 \leq n \leq \min\{2l - 4, q\}$, $t \in [0, T]$. There exists $M_0 > 0$ sufficiently small, such that for $M \leq M_0$,*

$$\frac{d\mathcal{F}_n(t)}{dt} \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{n}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \mathcal{F}_n(t) \quad (3.32)$$

Proof. Let $\phi = \chi$, \mathbf{v} , $|j| \leq n$. From (3.27), applying Lemma 3.1 to each component of Φ^j then sum up, we get

$$\frac{dF_j^\phi(t)}{dt} \lesssim \|\mathbf{G}_j^\phi(t)\|_2 \{F_j^\phi(t)\}^{1/2} + (\|\frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1}\|_{L^\infty} + 2\|\nabla \mathbf{v}(t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega(t))}) F_j^\phi(t) \quad (3.33)$$

Notice that \mathbf{v} is Clifford analytic in $\Omega(t)$. From Lemma 2.13, and the maximum principle, we have

$$\|\nabla \mathbf{v}(t)\|_{L^\infty(\Omega(t))} \lesssim |\partial_\alpha u(t)|_\infty + |\partial_\beta u(t)|_\infty. \quad (3.34)$$

Applying Lemma 2.18 (2.91), Proposition 2.9, 2.6 2.7, 2.16 2.17 to (2.38), we obtain

$$|\frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1}|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty). \quad (3.35)$$

We now estimate $\|\mathbf{G}_j^\phi(t)\|_2$ for $\phi = \chi$, \mathbf{v} . We carry it out in four steps. Let

$$\mathbf{G}_j^\phi = G_{j,1}^\phi + G_{j,2}^\phi + G_{j,3}^\phi + G_{j,4}^\phi \quad (3.36)$$

where $G_{j,1}^\phi = -[\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j \phi$, $G_{j,2}^\phi = (I - \mathcal{H})[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^j]\phi$, $G_{j,3}^\phi = (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j G^\phi$, and $G_{j,4}^\phi = A(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^-)\Phi^j$.

Step 1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_{j,1}^\chi(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} |\partial u(t)|_\infty (\|\partial \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2 + \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2) \\ \|G_{j,1}^\mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} |\partial u(t)|_\infty (\|\Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 + \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2) \end{aligned} \quad (3.37)$$

This is obtained by using Lemma 1.2 and applying Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9.

Step 2. We have that for $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$,

$$\|G_{j,2}^\phi(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{q}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) E_{|j|}(t)^{1/2} \quad (3.38)$$

This is basically (3.17).⁹ The estimate for the operator $(I - \mathcal{H})$ can be obtained by applying Proposition 2.6.

Step 3. From Propositions 2.19, 2.6, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_{j,4}^\chi(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} (|\partial \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\partial \mathbf{z}(t)|_\infty) \sum_{\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} \|\partial \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2 \\ \|G_{j,4}^\mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq 3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial^i \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\partial^i \mathbf{z}(t)|_\infty) \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.39)$$

Step 4. We have that

$$\|G_{j,3}^\chi(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{q}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) E_{|j|}^{1/2}(t). \quad (3.40)$$

$$\|G_{j,3}^\mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{q}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) E_{|j|}^{1/2}(t) \quad (3.41)$$

(3.40) is obtained by using Proposition 2.6 and (3.22).

However we cannot derive (3.41) from (3.23), since there is a loss of derivative in (3.23). This "loss of derivative" is due to the term $Au_\beta \chi_\alpha - Au_\alpha \chi_\beta$ in $G^\mathbf{v}$. To obtain (3.41) we need to take advantage of the projection operator $I - \mathcal{H}$. We rewrite the term

$$\begin{aligned} (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j(Au_\beta \chi_\alpha - Au_\alpha \chi_\beta) &= (I - \mathcal{H})(A\Gamma^j u_\beta \chi_\alpha - A\Gamma^j u_\alpha \chi_\beta) \\ &+ (I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^j(Au_\beta \chi_\alpha - Au_\alpha \chi_\beta) - A\Gamma^j u_\beta \chi_\alpha + A\Gamma^j u_\alpha \chi_\beta) \end{aligned} \quad (3.42)$$

in which we further rewrite, using the fact $u = \mathcal{H}u$,

$$\begin{aligned} (I - \mathcal{H})(A\Gamma^j u_\beta \chi_\alpha - A\Gamma^j u_\alpha \chi_\beta) &= [\Gamma^j \partial_\beta, \mathcal{H}]u A\chi_\alpha - [\Gamma^j \partial_\alpha, \mathcal{H}]u A\chi_\beta \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^3 ([A\partial_\alpha \chi_i, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j \partial_\beta u - [A\partial_\beta \chi_i, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j \partial_\alpha u) e_i \end{aligned} \quad (3.43)$$

Here χ_i is the e_i component of χ . Now with all the terms in appropriate forms, (3.41) results by applying Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, and Proposition 2.16, 2.17.

Sum up Steps 1-4 and (3.34), (3.35), and applying Propositions 2.16, 2.17, Lemma 3.4, we get (3.32). \square

3.2. The second energy estimate. We now give an estimate that involves some lower orders of derivatives. We use Lemma 3.2 and (1.35), (2.40).

Assume that ϕ satisfies (3.25) and let $\Phi^j = (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j \phi$. We know Φ^j satisfies (3.26), i.e.

$$\mathcal{P}\Phi^j = G_j^\phi$$

⁹Notice that (3.17), (3.22) (used in Step 4.) in fact hold for $k \leq \min\{2l - 4, q\}$.

where

$$G_j^\phi = -[\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j \phi + (I - \mathcal{H})[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^j] \phi + (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j G^\phi \quad (3.44)$$

Define

$$\mathbf{F}_j^\phi(t) = \iint \frac{1}{A} |(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j|^2 - \Phi^j \cdot (\mathcal{N} \times \nabla) \Phi^j(\alpha, \beta, t) d\alpha d\beta \quad (3.45)$$

We know $-\iint \Phi^j \cdot (\mathcal{N} \times \nabla) \Phi^j(\alpha, \beta, t) d\alpha d\beta = \int_{\Omega(t)^c} |\nabla \{\Phi^j\}^h|^2 dV \geq 0$. Let

$$\mathfrak{F}_n(t) = \sum_{|j| \leq n} (\mathbf{F}_j^v(t) + \mathbf{F}_j^x(t)) \quad (3.46)$$

We have

Proposition 3.6. *Let $l \geq 15$, $q \geq l + 9$, $t \in [0, T]$. There exists $M_0 > 0$ small enough, such that for $M \leq M_0$,*

$$\frac{d\mathfrak{F}_{l+2}(t)}{dt} \lesssim E_{l+2}^{1/2}(t) E_{l+3}^{1/2}(t) E_{l+9}^{1/2}(t) \left(\frac{1 + \ln(t+1)}{t+1} \right)^2 \quad (3.47)$$

Proof. Let $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$, $|j| \leq l + 2$. We also use j to indicate $|j|$ in this proof. Assume $t \geq 1$.

The argument can be easily modified for $t \leq 1$. Applying Lemma 3.2 to Φ^j , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{F}_j^\phi(t)}{dt} &= \iint \left\{ \frac{2}{A} G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} - \frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1} \frac{1}{A} |(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j|^2 \right\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &\quad - \iint \{ (\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta \Phi_\alpha^j) - \Phi^j \cdot (u_\alpha \Phi_\beta^j)) + \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Phi^j \} d\alpha d\beta \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \iint \{ (\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^-) \Phi^j \} \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Phi^j d\alpha d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.48)$$

Using Lemma 2.18, (2.38), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, 2.8 with $r = t$, and Propositions 2.16, 2.17, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1} A(t) \right|_\infty &\leq \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial u(t)|_\infty \sum_{|i| \leq 1} |\Gamma^i w(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial u(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i w(t)|_\infty) (\|\partial u(t)\|_2 + \|w(t)\|_2) \frac{1}{t} \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial u(t)|_\infty^2 + \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty \left(\sum_{|i| \leq 2} |\Gamma^i w(t)|_\infty + \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial u(t)|_\infty^2 \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \{ (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_1(t)^{1/2} \frac{1}{t} \} \end{aligned} \quad (3.49)$$

We now estimate $\iint \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Phi^j d\alpha d\beta$. We know $[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Phi^j = (I + \mathcal{H})[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^j \phi$. Therefore using Proposition 2.12, we have

$$\iint \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Phi^j d\alpha d\beta = \iint \{ (I + \mathcal{H}^*) \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j \} \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^j \phi d\alpha d\beta \quad (3.50)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (I + \mathcal{H}^*)\mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j &= (\mathcal{H}^* - \mathcal{H})\mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j + (I + \mathcal{H})\mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j \\ &= (\mathcal{H}^* - \mathcal{H})\mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j - [\mathcal{N} \times \nabla, \mathcal{H}]\Phi^j. \end{aligned}$$

Using (1.16), Proposition 2.6, we get

$$\|(I + \mathcal{H}^*)\mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j(t)\|_2 \lesssim \sum_{\partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} (|\partial\lambda(t)|_\infty + |\partial\mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty) \|\partial\Gamma^j\phi(t)\|_2. \quad (3.51)$$

On the other hand, we have from (1.15), Proposition 2.8 with $r = t$,

$$\|[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j\phi(t)\|_2 \lesssim \|u(t)\|_2 \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j+1 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial\Gamma^i\phi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial\Gamma^i\phi(t)\|_2 \frac{1}{t} \right). \quad (3.52)$$

Combining (3.50)-(3.52), and further use Propositions 2.16, 2.17, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \iint \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \Phi^j \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\Phi^j d\alpha d\beta \right| \\ & \lesssim E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) E_1^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i\partial\chi(t)|_\infty \\ & \quad \times \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j+1 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i\partial\chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i\partial\mathfrak{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.53)$$

The estimate of the term $\iint \{(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^-)\Phi^j\} \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\Phi^j d\alpha d\beta$ can be obtained from Proposition 2.19 and (3.52). We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \iint \{(\mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ + \mathcal{N} \cdot \nabla_\xi^-)\Phi^j\} \cdot [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\Phi^j d\alpha d\beta \right| \\ & \lesssim E_j^{1/2}(t) E_1^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i\partial\chi(t)|_\infty \\ & \quad \times \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j+1 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i\partial\chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i\partial\mathfrak{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.54)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \iint \frac{1}{A} G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta &= \iint \left(\frac{1}{A} - 1\right) G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &\quad + \iint G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta. \end{aligned} \quad (3.55)$$

The term $\iint (\frac{1}{A} - 1) G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ can be estimated as the following:

$$\left| \iint \left(\frac{1}{A} - 1\right) G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta \right| \lesssim |A - 1|_\infty \|G_j^\phi(t)\|_2 \|(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j(t)\|_2$$

We know $G_j^\phi = G_{j,1}^\phi + G_{j,2}^\phi + G_{j,3}^\phi$, where $G_{j,i}^\phi$ $i = 1, 2, 3$ are as defined in (3.36). Using (3.37), (3.38), (3.40), (3.41), and notice that the n in these inequalities can be replaced by

j . We have by further applying Proposition 2.17 that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \iint \left(\frac{1}{A} - 1 \right) G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta \right| \\ & \lesssim E_j(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty). \end{aligned} \quad (3.56)$$

We now estimate the terms $\iint G_j^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ and $\iint \{(\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta \Phi_\alpha^j) - \Phi^j \cdot (u_\alpha \Phi_\beta^j))\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$. We carry out the estimates through six steps.

Step 1. We consider the term $\iint G_{j,1}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$.

We first put the term $\iint G_{j,1}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ in the right form for estimates. We know $(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j = (I - \mathcal{H})(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \phi - [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^j \phi$. Using Proposition 2.12, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint G_{j,1}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta = \iint \{(I - \mathcal{H}) G_{j,1}^\phi\} \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \phi\} d\alpha d\beta \\ & + \iint \{(\mathcal{H} - \mathcal{H}^*) G_{j,1}^\phi\} \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \phi\} d\alpha d\beta \\ & - \iint G_{j,1}^\phi \cdot \{[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^j \phi\} d\alpha d\beta \end{aligned} \quad (3.57)$$

where by applying (1.19), (1.18), and the change of variable U_k^{-1} , we know

$$\begin{aligned} & -G_{j,1}^\phi = 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) (\partial'_t + b' \cdot \nabla'_\perp) \Gamma'^j \phi' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ & + \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) \{ (u - u') \times (u'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - u'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \Gamma'^j \phi' \} d\alpha' d\beta' \\ & + \iint ((u' - u) \cdot \nabla) K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial'_\alpha - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial'_\beta) \Gamma'^j \phi' d\alpha' d\beta' \end{aligned} \quad (3.58)$$

Let $J_1^\phi = 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) (\partial'_t + b' \cdot \nabla'_\perp) \Gamma'^j \phi' d\alpha' d\beta'$. To estimate the term $\iint \{(I - \mathcal{H}) G_{j,1}^\phi\} \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \phi\} d\alpha d\beta$, we use Proposition 2.11 to further rewrite

$$(I - \mathcal{H}) J_1^\phi = (I - \mathcal{H}) \iint K(u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) (I + \mathcal{H}') (\partial'_t + b' \cdot \nabla'_\perp) \Gamma'^j \phi' d\alpha' d\beta', \quad (3.59)$$

and notice that $\mathcal{H}\chi = -\chi$, so for $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$,

$$\begin{aligned} & (I + \mathcal{H})(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \chi = -[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^j \chi - (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) [\Gamma^j, \mathcal{H}] \chi, \\ & (I + \mathcal{H})(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \mathbf{v} = (I + \mathcal{H})[\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \Gamma^j] \mathbf{v} \\ & + [\mathcal{H}, \Gamma^j] (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathbf{v} - \Gamma^j [(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2, \mathcal{H}] \chi. \end{aligned} \quad (3.60)$$

With (3.57)–(3.60), $\iint G_{j,1}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ is in the right form for estimates. Using Lemma 1.2, Proposition 2.2, (2.6), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 with $r = t$, and 2.16, we

get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(I - \mathcal{H})J_1^\chi(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{\partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} |\partial u(t)|_\infty \|(I + \mathcal{H})(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2 \\
&\lesssim \sum_{\partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} |\partial u(t)|_\infty E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty \\
&+ \sum_{\partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} |\partial u(t)|_\infty E_j^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j+1 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.61}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(I - \mathcal{H})J_1^\mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \sum_{\partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} |\partial u(t)|_\infty E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \lambda(t)|_\infty + \\
&\sum_{\partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} |\partial u(t)|_\infty E_j^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.62}$$

Applying Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 with $r = t$, and 2.16, 2.17 to other terms in (3.57) and using (3.37), (3.52), we obtain for $\phi = \chi, \mathbf{v}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
|\iint G_{j,1}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta| &\lesssim E_j(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \times \\
&\{E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j+1 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t}\}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.63}$$

Step 2. We consider the term $\iint G_{j,3}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \chi$.

From (1.35), we know G^χ consists of three terms $G^\chi = I_1 + I_2 + I_3$. In particular, the first term

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \overline{u'} d\alpha' d\beta' \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \{(I + \mathcal{H}') \overline{u'} + (I - \mathcal{H}') \overline{u'}\} d\alpha' d\beta'.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.64}$$

Rewriting

$$(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j I_1 = [\Gamma^j, \mathcal{H}] I_1 + \Gamma^j (I - \mathcal{H}) I_1, \tag{3.65}$$

where using Proposition 2.11, we deduce

$$\begin{aligned}
(I - \mathcal{H}) I_1 &= (I - \mathcal{H}) \frac{1}{2} \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \{(I + \mathcal{H}') \overline{u'}\} d\alpha' d\beta' \\
&= \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \{(I + \mathcal{H}') \overline{u'}\} d\alpha' d\beta';
\end{aligned} \tag{3.66}$$

furthermore from (1.24), we know $(I + \mathcal{H}) \overline{u} = (-\overline{\mathcal{H}} + \mathcal{H}) \overline{u}$. Now with (3.64)-(3.66), all the terms in $G_{j,3}^\chi(t) = (I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j G^\chi$ are in appropriate forms for carrying out estimates. Using

Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, and 2.16, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_{j,3}^\chi(t)\|_2 &\lesssim E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty) \\ &\quad \times \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial u(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Further using Proposition 2.17, we get for $\phi = \chi$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \iint G_{j,3}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta \right| \\ & \lesssim E_j(t) \left\{ \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + \frac{1}{t} \right) \right\} \\ & \quad \times \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.67)$$

Step 3. We consider the term $\iint G_{j,3}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \mathbf{v}$.

From (2.40), we know

$$G_{j,3}^\mathbf{v} = (I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j \left(\frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1} A \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \chi + A(u_\beta \chi_\alpha - u_\alpha \chi_\beta) + (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) G^\chi \right) \quad (3.68)$$

In this step, we will only consider the estimates of $\|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j (\frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1} A \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \chi)(t)\|_2$, $\|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j ((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) G^\chi)(t)\|_2$ and $\|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j ((A - 1)(u_\beta \chi_\alpha - u_\alpha \chi_\beta))(t)\|_2$. We will leave the estimate of $\|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j (u_\beta \chi_\alpha - u_\alpha \chi_\beta)(t)\|_2$ to Step 5.

First, we have by using (2.38), Lemma 2.18, and Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, and 2.16, 2.17 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j \left(\frac{\mathbf{a}_t}{\mathbf{a}} \circ k^{-1} A \mathcal{N} \times \nabla \chi \right)(t)\|_2 &\lesssim E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \\ &\quad \times \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.69)$$

And using Propositions 2.16, 2.17, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j ((A - 1)(u_\beta \chi_\alpha - u_\alpha \chi_\beta))(t)\|_2 &\lesssim \\ E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.70)$$

We handle the estimate of $\|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j ((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) G^\chi)(t)\|_2$ similar to Step 2 by rewriting the term $(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) I_1$, where I_1 is as defined in (3.64), as the following:

$$\begin{aligned} (I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) I_1 &= [\Gamma^j, \mathcal{H}] (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) I_1 + \Gamma^j [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}] I_1 \\ &\quad + \Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) (I - \mathcal{H}) I_1 \end{aligned} \quad (3.71)$$

and use (3.66) to calculate $(I - \mathcal{H})I_1$. We get, by using Propositions 2.6,, 2.7, 2.8 with $r = t$, and 2.16, 2.17 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)G^\chi)(t)\|_2 &\lesssim E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) \\ &\times \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty)(1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.72)$$

Step 4. We consider the term $\iint G_{j,2}^\phi \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\Phi^j\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \chi$ and \mathbf{v} .

We know

$$G_{j,2}^\phi = (I - \mathcal{H})[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^j]\phi = \sum_{k=1}^j (I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^{j-k}[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma]\Gamma^{k-1}\phi.$$

A further expansion of (2.5) gives that for $\Gamma = \partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, \varpi$,

$$\begin{aligned} [\Gamma, \mathcal{P}] &= -\{(\dot{\Gamma}(A - 1)(\zeta_\beta \partial_\alpha - \zeta_\alpha \partial_\beta) + A(\partial_\beta \dot{\Gamma} \lambda \partial_\alpha - \partial_\alpha \dot{\Gamma} \lambda \partial_\beta))\} + \\ &\{\ddot{\Gamma}(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)b - \ddot{\Gamma}b \cdot \nabla_\perp b\} \cdot \nabla_\perp + \ddot{\Gamma}b \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\nabla_\perp + \nabla_\perp(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.73)$$

where $\dot{\Gamma}f = \partial_t f, \partial_\alpha f, \partial_\beta f, \varpi f + \frac{1}{2}f e_3$, $\ddot{\Gamma}f = \partial_t f, \partial_\alpha f, \partial_\beta f, (\varpi - \frac{1}{2}e_3)f$ respectively. Also

$$\begin{aligned} [L_0, \mathcal{P}] &= -\mathcal{P} - \{L_0(A - 1)(\zeta_\beta \partial_\alpha - \zeta_\alpha \partial_\beta) + A(\partial_\beta(L_0 - I)\lambda \partial_\alpha - \partial_\alpha(L_0 - I)\lambda \partial_\beta)\} \\ &+ \{L_0(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)b - (L_0 b - \frac{1}{2}b) \cdot \nabla_\perp b\} \cdot \nabla_\perp \\ &+ (L_0 b - \frac{1}{2}b) \cdot \{(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\nabla_\perp + \nabla_\perp(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.74)$$

Therefore typically there are three types of terms in $[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma^j]\phi = \sum_{k=1}^j \Gamma^{j-k}[\mathcal{P}, \Gamma]\Gamma^{k-1}\phi$. The first type (C) are of cubic and higher orders and are consists of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Gamma^{j-k}\{\Gamma^i(A - 1)(\zeta_\beta \partial_\alpha - \zeta_\alpha \partial_\beta)\}\Gamma^{k-1}\phi, \quad i = 0, 1, k = 1, \dots, j \\ &\Gamma^{j-k}\{\Gamma^i(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)b\} \cdot \nabla_\perp \Gamma^{k-1}\phi, \quad \Gamma^{j-k}\{\Gamma^i b \cdot \nabla_\perp b\} \cdot \nabla_\perp \Gamma^{k-1}\phi \\ &\Gamma^{j-k}\{\Gamma^i b \cdot ((\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\nabla_\perp + \nabla_\perp(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp))\}\Gamma^{k-1}\phi, \end{aligned} \quad (3.75)$$

The second type (Q) are quadratic and are consists of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &\Gamma^{j-k}\{A(\partial_\beta \Gamma^i \lambda \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1}\phi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma^i \lambda \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1}\phi)\} \quad i = 0, 1, k = 1, \dots, j \\ &\Gamma^{j-k}\{A(\partial_\beta \lambda e_3 \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1}\phi - \partial_\alpha \lambda e_3 \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1}\phi)\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.76)$$

And the third type is of the form $\Gamma^{j-k}\mathcal{P}\Gamma^{k-1}\phi$ for some $1 \leq k \leq j$, which can be treated in the same way as in Steps 2-6. We first consider the terms of the first type (C) and let the sum of these terms be $C(t)$. We have, by using Propositions 1.4, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 with

$r = t$, 2.16, 2.17 that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(I - \mathcal{H})C(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\
& \sum_{|i| \leq j} (\|\Gamma^i(A-1)(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^i(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)b(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^ib(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \phi(t)|_\infty \\
& + \sum_{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}]} (\|\Gamma^i(A-1)(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^i(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)b(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^ib(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \phi(t)|_\infty + \\
& \sum_{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 1} \|\Gamma^ib(t)\|_\infty (\sum_{|i| \leq j} \|\Gamma^ib(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \phi(t)|_\infty + \sum_{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}]} \|\Gamma^ib(t)\|_2 \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \phi(t)|_\infty) \\
& \lesssim E_j^{1/2}(t) \{ (1 + \ln t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \} \\
& \times \{ \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty + E_{j+3}^{1/2}(t) (\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j+1}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + \frac{1}{t}) \}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.77}$$

We also give the estimates of the following two cubic and higher order terms in (3.76). First we have for $\phi = \chi$, \mathbf{v} , $k = 1, \dots, j$, $i = 0, 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^{j-k} \{ (A-1)(\partial_\beta \Gamma^i \lambda \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \phi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma^i \lambda \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \phi)(t) \} \|_2 \lesssim \\
& E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty)^2
\end{aligned} \tag{3.78}$$

Recall definition (1.36): $\lambda = \lambda^* - \mathcal{K}_3 e_3$. We have for $\phi = \chi$, \mathbf{v} , $k = 1, \dots, j$, $i = 0, 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^{j-k} \{ \partial_\beta \Gamma^i \mathcal{K}_3 e_3 \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \phi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma^i \mathcal{K}_3 e_3 \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \phi \}(t) \|_2 \lesssim \\
& E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty)^2 (1 + \ln t) \\
& + E_j(t) \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.79}$$

Therefore the only terms in (3.76) that are left to be estimated are the following

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma^{j-k} \{ \partial_\beta \Gamma^i \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \phi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma^i \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \phi \} \\
& \Gamma^{j-k} \{ \partial_\beta \lambda^* e_3 \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \phi - \partial_\alpha \lambda^* e_3 \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \phi \}, \quad i = 0, 1, \quad k = 1, \dots, j.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.80}$$

Step 5. We consider the term $(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j(u_\beta \chi_\alpha - u_\alpha \chi_\beta)$ in $G_{j,3}^\mathbf{v}$, the term $\iint \{ \Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta \Phi_\alpha^j - u_\alpha \Phi_\beta^j) \} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \mathbf{v}$ in (3.48), and those terms in (3.80) for $\phi = \mathbf{v}$. Without loss of generality, for terms in (3.80) with $\phi = \mathbf{v}$, we will only write for

$$\Gamma^{j-k} \{ \partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} \}.$$

Using (2.28), we rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\beta u \partial_\alpha \chi - \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \chi &= \frac{2}{t} \{ \Upsilon u \partial_t (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \chi \\ &\quad + \partial_\beta u \Omega_{01}^- (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \chi - \partial_\alpha u \Omega_{02}^- (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \chi \}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.81)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\beta u \partial_\alpha \Phi^j - \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \Phi^j &= \frac{2}{t} \{ \Upsilon u \partial_t (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Phi^j \\ &\quad + \partial_\beta u \Omega_{01}^- (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Phi^j - \partial_\alpha u \Omega_{02}^- (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Phi^j \}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.82)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} - \partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} &= \frac{2}{t} \{ -\partial_t (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma \lambda^* \Upsilon \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} \\ &\quad + \Omega_{01}^+ (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} - \Omega_{02}^+ (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} \} \end{aligned} \quad (3.83)$$

Notice that $[\Omega_{01}^\pm, e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta] = \mp e_2 \partial_t$, $[\Omega_{02}^\pm, e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta] = \pm e_1 \partial_t$. Using Propositions 2.16, 2.17 and (2.15), (2.17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j (\partial_\beta u \partial_\alpha \chi - \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \chi)(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\ &\frac{1}{t} (E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) + t \sum_{|i| \leq j} \|\Gamma^i \mathfrak{P}^- \chi(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \\ &+ \frac{1}{t} (E_j^{1/2}(t) + t \sum_{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}]} \|\Gamma^i \mathfrak{P}^- \chi(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial_t \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial u(t)|_\infty) \end{aligned}$$

Further applying (3.24) and (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j (\partial_\beta u \partial_\alpha \chi - \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \chi)(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\ &E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) + \frac{1}{t} \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + E_j^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty + \frac{1}{t} \right) \times \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty + E_{j+3}^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + \frac{1}{t} \right) \right) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.84)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|(\partial_\beta u \partial_\alpha \Phi^j - \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \Phi^j)(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\ &\sum_{\substack{i=1,2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \frac{1}{t} (\|\Upsilon u(t)\|_2 |\partial_t \partial \Phi^j(t)|_\infty + |\partial u(t)|_\infty \|\Omega_{0i}(e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Phi^j(t)\|_2) \end{aligned}$$

For $\phi = \mathbf{v}$, $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$, we know

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \partial \Phi^j &= \partial_t \partial (I - \mathcal{H}) \Gamma^j \mathbf{v} = \partial_t (I - \mathcal{H}) \partial \Gamma^j \mathbf{v} - \partial_t [\partial, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^j \mathbf{v} \\ &= (I - \mathcal{H}) \partial_t \partial \Gamma^j \mathbf{v} - [\partial_t, \mathcal{H}] \partial \Gamma^j \mathbf{v} - \partial_t [\partial, \mathcal{H}] \Gamma^j \mathbf{v} \end{aligned} \quad (3.85)$$

Therefore using Propositions 2.8, 2.9, 2.16, we have

$$|\partial_t \partial \Phi^j(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{\substack{i \leq j+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t}) \quad (3.86)$$

Using further Propositions 2.16, 2.17, 2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\partial_\beta u \partial_\alpha \Phi^j - \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \Phi^j)(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\ & \frac{1}{t} E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{i \leq j+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t}) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{i \leq 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty) \left(\frac{1}{t} E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) + \|\mathfrak{P}^- \Phi^j(t)\|_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.87)$$

We know from (3.37), (3.38), (3.41) the estimate of $\|\mathcal{P}^- \Phi^j(t)\|_2 = \|G_j^v(t)\|_2$. Using further (2.14), Propositions 2.16, 2.17, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathfrak{P}^- \Phi^j(t)\|_2 & \lesssim E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{i \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{i \leq 4 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty) E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (3.88)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(\partial_\beta u \partial_\alpha \Phi^j - \partial_\alpha u \partial_\beta \Phi^j)(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\ & \frac{1}{t} E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{i \leq j+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t}) \\ & + \sum_{\substack{i \leq 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty) E_{j+2}^{1/2}(t) \left(\frac{1}{t} + \sum_{\substack{i \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.89)$$

The estimate for $\|(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^{j-k} \{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v}\}(t)\|_2$ is similar: we have from (3.83) that for $k = 1, \dots, j$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^{j-k} \{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v} - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \mathbf{v}\}(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\ & \frac{1}{t} E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{i \leq j+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \lambda^*(t)|_\infty + \frac{1}{t} (E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) + t \sum_{|i| \leq j-1} \|\Gamma^i \mathfrak{P}^- \Gamma \lambda^*(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty \\ & + \frac{1}{t} (E_j^{1/2}(t) + t \sum_{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] - 1} \|\Gamma^i \mathfrak{P}^- \Gamma \lambda^*(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

Notice that

$$\mathfrak{P}^+ \Gamma \lambda^* = (\mathfrak{P}^+ - \mathcal{P}^+) \Gamma \lambda^* + [\mathcal{P}^+, \Gamma] \lambda^* + \Gamma \mathcal{P}^+ \lambda^*$$

Using (2.39), (2.14), (2.5), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 2.16, 2.17, we get for $k \leq j-1$,

$$\|\Gamma^k \mathfrak{P}^+ \Gamma \lambda^*(t)\|_2 \lesssim E_{k+2}^{1/2}(t) \left(\sum_{\substack{i \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right) \quad (3.90)$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^{j-k}\{\partial_\beta\Gamma\lambda^*\partial_\alpha\Gamma^{k-1}\mathbf{v} - \partial_\alpha\Gamma\lambda^*\partial_\beta\Gamma^{k-1}\mathbf{v}\}(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\
& \frac{1}{t}E_j^{1/2}(t)\left\{\sum_{\substack{i \leq j+1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i\partial\chi(t)|_\infty + E_{j+3}^{1/2}(t)\left(\sum_{\substack{i \leq [\frac{j+1}{2}]+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i\partial\chi(t)|_\infty(1 + \ln t) + \frac{1}{t}\right)\right\} \\
& + \left(\sum_{\substack{i \leq [\frac{j}{2}]+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i\partial\chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i\partial v(t)|_\infty)(1 + \ln t) + \frac{1}{t}\right) \\
& \times (E_j^{1/2}\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i\partial\mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty + E_{j+1}^{1/2}\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}]+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i\partial\mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.91}$$

Step 6. Finally, we consider the term $\iint\{\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta\Phi_\alpha^j - u_\alpha\Phi_\beta^j)\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \chi$ in (3.48), and the remaining terms

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Gamma^{j-k}\{\partial_\beta\Gamma^i\lambda^*\partial_\alpha\Gamma^{k-1}\chi - \partial_\alpha\Gamma^i\lambda^*\partial_\beta\Gamma^{k-1}\chi\} \\
& \Gamma^{j-k}\{\partial_\beta\lambda^*e_3\partial_\alpha\Gamma^{k-1}\chi - \partial_\alpha\lambda^*e_3\partial_\beta\Gamma^{k-1}\chi\} \quad i = 0, 1, \quad k = 1, \dots, j
\end{aligned} \tag{3.92}$$

in (3.80). Without loss of generality, among terms in (3.92), we will only write for

$$\Gamma^{j-k}\{\partial_\beta\Gamma\lambda^*\partial_\alpha\Gamma^{k-1}\chi - \partial_\alpha\Gamma\lambda^*\partial_\beta\Gamma^{k-1}\chi\}.$$

Notice that the ideas as that in (3.82),(3.83) doesn't work here, since we do not have estimates for $\|\Phi^j(t)\|_2$ for $\phi = \chi$, and for $\|\Upsilon\Gamma^{k-1}\chi(t)\|_2$. We resolve these issue by using commutators.

We first consider $\iint\{\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta\Phi_\alpha^j - u_\alpha\Phi_\beta^j)\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \chi$. Using integration by parts, we have

$$\iint\{\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta\Phi_\alpha^j - u_\alpha\Phi_\beta^j)\} d\alpha d\beta = - \iint\{\Phi_\beta^j \cdot (u\Phi_\alpha^j) - \Phi_\alpha^j \cdot (u\Phi_\beta^j)\} d\alpha d\beta$$

Now for $\phi = \chi$, we have, by using Proposition 2.12,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \iint\{\partial_\alpha(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j\chi \cdot (u\Phi_\beta^j) - \partial_\beta(I - \mathcal{H})\Gamma^j\chi \cdot (u\Phi_\alpha^j)\} d\alpha d\beta \\
& = - \iint\{[\partial_\alpha, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j\chi \cdot (u\Phi_\beta^j) - [\partial_\beta, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j\chi \cdot (u\Phi_\alpha^j)\} d\alpha d\beta \\
& + \iint\{(\mathcal{H}^* - \mathcal{H})\partial_\alpha\Gamma^j\chi \cdot (u\Phi_\beta^j) - (\mathcal{H}^* - \mathcal{H})\partial_\beta\Gamma^j\chi \cdot (u\Phi_\alpha^j)\} d\alpha d\beta \\
& + \iint\{\partial_\alpha\Gamma^j\chi \cdot ((I - \mathcal{H})(u\Phi_\beta^j)) - \partial_\beta\Gamma^j\chi \cdot ((I - \mathcal{H})(u\Phi_\alpha^j))\} d\alpha d\beta
\end{aligned} \tag{3.93}$$

We further rewrite the term $\iint \{\partial_\alpha \Gamma^j \chi \cdot ((I - \mathcal{H})(u\Phi_\beta^j)) - \partial_\beta \Gamma^j \chi \cdot ((I - \mathcal{H})(u\Phi_\alpha^j))\} d\alpha d\beta$.

We know $\mathcal{H}u = u$. Let Φ_i^j be the e_i component of Φ^j , for $i = 0, \dots, 3$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \partial_\alpha \Gamma^j \chi \cdot \{(I - \mathcal{H})(u\partial_\beta \Phi_i^j e_i)\} - \partial_\beta \Gamma^j \chi \cdot \{(I - \mathcal{H})(u\partial_\alpha \Phi_i^j e_i)\} \\ &= \partial_\alpha \Gamma^j \chi \cdot ([\partial_\beta \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i) - \partial_\beta \Gamma^j \chi \cdot ([\partial_\alpha \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i) \\ &= \frac{2}{t} \partial_t (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma^j \chi \cdot \{[\Upsilon \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i - [\alpha, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\beta \Phi_i^j e_i) + [\beta, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\alpha \Phi_i^j e_i)\} \\ &+ \frac{2}{t} \{\Omega_{01}^-(e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma^j \chi \cdot [\partial_\beta \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i - \Omega_{02}^-(e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma^j \chi \cdot [\partial_\alpha \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.94)$$

Further applying integration by parts gives us:

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint \partial_t (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma^j \chi \cdot \{[\Upsilon \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i - [\alpha, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\beta \Phi_i^j e_i) + [\beta, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\alpha \Phi_i^j e_i)\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &= - \iint e_2 \partial_t \Gamma^j \chi \cdot \partial_\alpha \{[\Upsilon \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i - [\alpha, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\beta \Phi_i^j e_i) + [\beta, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\alpha \Phi_i^j e_i)\} d\alpha d\beta \\ &+ \iint e_1 \partial_t \Gamma^j \chi \cdot \partial_\beta \{[\Upsilon \Phi_i^j, \mathcal{H}]ue_i - [\alpha, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\beta \Phi_i^j e_i) + [\beta, \mathcal{H}](u\partial_\alpha \Phi_i^j e_i)\} d\alpha d\beta. \end{aligned} \quad (3.95)$$

Through (3.93)-(3.95) we have put $\iint \{\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta \Phi_\alpha^j - u_\alpha \Phi_\beta^j)\} d\alpha d\beta$ for $\phi = \chi$ in the right form for estimates. Using Propositions 2.6, 2.16, Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |\iint \{\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta \Phi_\alpha^j - u_\alpha \Phi_\beta^j)\} d\alpha d\beta| \lesssim \sum_{\partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta} \{(|\partial\lambda(t)|_\infty + |\partial\mathfrak{z}(t)|_\infty) E_j(t) |\partial\Phi^j(t)|_\infty \\ &+ \frac{1}{t} E_j^{1/2}(t) E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) |\partial\Phi^j(t)|_\infty + \|\mathfrak{P}^- \Gamma^j \chi(t)\|_2 E_j^{1/2}(t) |\partial\Phi^j(t)|_\infty + \frac{1}{t} E_j(t) |\partial\Upsilon \Phi^j(t)|_\infty\} \end{aligned}$$

We know for $\phi = \chi$, $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$, $\partial\Phi^j = (I - \mathcal{H})\partial\Gamma^j \chi - [\partial, \mathcal{H}]\Gamma^j \chi$. Using Proposition 2.8, 2.9, 2.16, we have

$$|\partial\Phi^j(t)|_\infty + |\Upsilon\partial\Phi^j(t)|_\infty \lesssim \sum_{i \leq j+2} |\Gamma^i \partial\chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t}$$

Therefore by further using (3.24), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & |\iint \{\Phi^j \cdot (u_\beta \Phi_\alpha^j - u_\alpha \Phi_\beta^j)\} d\alpha d\beta| \lesssim \left(\sum_{i \leq j+2} |\Gamma^i \partial\chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right) \\ & \times E_j^{1/2} E_{j+1}^{1/2} \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial=\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial\chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^j \partial\mathfrak{v}(t)|_\infty) + \frac{1}{t} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.96)$$

At last we give the estimate of $\|(I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^{j-k} \{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi\})(t)\|_2$ for $k = 1, \dots, j$. We first rewrite,

$$\begin{aligned} & (I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^{j-k} \{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi\}) \\ &= \Gamma^{j-k} (I - \mathcal{H}) \{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi\} \\ &+ [\Gamma^{j-k}, \mathcal{H}] \{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.97)$$

Let $\Gamma^{k-1}\chi_i$ be the e_i component of $\Gamma^{k-1}\chi$. Using the fact $\mathcal{H}\lambda^* = \lambda^*$, we rewrite further

$$\begin{aligned}
& (I - \mathcal{H})\{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i\} \\
&= \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i [\partial_\beta \Gamma, \mathcal{H}] \lambda^* - \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i [\partial_\alpha \Gamma, \mathcal{H}] \lambda^* \\
&+ [\partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H} - \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* - [\partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H} - \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \\
&+ [\partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* - [\partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^*
\end{aligned} \tag{3.98}$$

and in which we rewrite $[\partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* - [\partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^*$ using the idea of (2.28):

$$\begin{aligned}
& -\frac{t}{2}\{[\partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* - [\partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^*\} \\
&= (-[\Upsilon \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] + \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i [\alpha, \mathcal{H}^*] - \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i [\beta, \mathcal{H}^*]) \partial_t (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma \lambda^* \\
&+ [\partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \Omega_{01}^+ (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma \lambda^* - [\partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi_i, \mathcal{H}^*] \Omega_{02}^+ (e_2 \partial_\alpha - e_1 \partial_\beta) \Gamma \lambda^*
\end{aligned} \tag{3.99}$$

Using (3.97)-(3.99), and Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.16, 2.17, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^{j-k}\{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi\})(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\
& E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty \left(\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty (1 + \ln t) + E_j^{1/2}(t) \frac{1}{t} \right) \\
& + \frac{1}{t} E_j^{1/2}(t) \sum_{\substack{i \leq j \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + \frac{1}{t} (E_{j+1}^{1/2}(t) + t \sum_{|i| \leq j-1} \|\Gamma^i \mathfrak{P}^- \Gamma \lambda^*(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\partial \Gamma^i \chi(t)|_\infty \\
& + \frac{1}{t} (E_j^{1/2}(t) + t \sum_{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] - 1} \|\Gamma^i \mathfrak{P}^- \Gamma \lambda^*(t)\|_2) \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty
\end{aligned}$$

Further using (3.90), we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(I - \mathcal{H})(\Gamma^{j-k}\{\partial_\beta \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\alpha \Gamma^{k-1} \chi - \partial_\alpha \Gamma \lambda^* \partial_\beta \Gamma^{k-1} \chi\})(t)\|_2 \lesssim \\
& \left(\sum_{\substack{i \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + |\Gamma^i \partial v(t)|_\infty) (1 + \ln t) + \frac{1}{t} \right) \\
& \times (E_j^{1/2} \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq j \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty + E_{j+1}^{1/2} \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq [\frac{j}{2}] + 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} |\Gamma^i \partial \chi(t)|_\infty)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.100}$$

Combine (3.48), (3.49), (3.53), (3.54), (3.56), (3.63), (3.67), (3.69), (3.70), (3.72), (3.77), (3.78), (3.79), (3.89), (3.91), (3.96), (3.100), notice that for $l \geq 15$, $q \geq l+9$, $[\frac{l}{2}] + 3 + 5 \leq l+2$ and $l+4 \leq \min\{2l-11, q-5\}$. Applying (3.15), we obtain (3.47). \square

3.3. A conclusive estimate. We now sum up the results in Lemma 3.3, Propositions 3.5, 3.6.

Let $\epsilon, L > 0$, M_0 be the constant such that Lemmas 3.3, 3.4, Propositions 3.5, 3.6 hold. Assume that $\mathfrak{F}_{l+2}(0) \leq \epsilon^2$, $\mathcal{F}_{l+3}(0) \leq \epsilon^2$, and $\mathcal{F}_{l+9}(0) \leq L^2$.

Theorem 3.7. *Let $l \geq 17$, $q \geq l + 9$, $l \leq n \leq l + 9$. There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, depending on M_0 , L , such that for $\epsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$, we have 1.*

$$\mathcal{F}_n(t) \leq \mathcal{F}_n(0)(1+t)^{1/2}, \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T]; \quad (3.101)$$

2.

$$\mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(t) \leq (cL + 1)\epsilon, \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T], \quad (3.102)$$

where c is a constant depending on M_0 .

Proof. We know for $l \geq 17$, $l \leq n \leq l + 9 \leq q$, $5 \leq [\frac{n}{2}] + 2 \leq \min\{2l - 11, q - 5\}$ and $[\frac{n}{2}] + 7 \leq l + 2$. From Lemmas 3.3, 3.4, Proposition 3.5, we get for $t \in [0, T]$,

$$\frac{d\mathcal{F}_n(t)}{dt} \leq c_0(M_0) \frac{E_{l+2}^{1/2}(t)}{1+t} \mathcal{F}_n(t) \leq c_1(M_0) \frac{\mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(t)}{1+t} \mathcal{F}_n(t),$$

where $c_0(M_0), c_1(M_0)$ are constants depending on M_0 . Therefore

$$\mathcal{F}_n(t) \leq \mathcal{F}_n(0)(1+t)^{M_1(\tau)} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \tau], \quad \tau \leq T, \quad (3.103)$$

where $M_1(\tau) = c_1(M_0) \sup_{[0, \tau]} \mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(t)$. Applying (3.103), Lemma 3.4 to Proposition 3.6, we obtain,

$$\frac{d\mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(t)}{dt} \leq c_2(M_0) \epsilon L \mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(t) (1+t)^{M_1(\tau)} \left(\frac{1 + \ln(1+t)}{t+1} \right)^2 \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \tau] \quad (3.104)$$

where $c_2(M_0)$ is a constant depending on M_0 . Let $\varepsilon_0 = \min\{\frac{1}{4c_1(M_0)}, \frac{1}{2c_1(M_0)(Lc+1)}\}$, where $c = c_2(M_0) \int_0^\infty (1+t)^{-3/2} (1 + \ln(1+t))^2 dt$, and $\epsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$. Therefore $c_1(M_0) \mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(0) \leq \frac{1}{4}$. Let $0 < T_1 \leq T$ be the largest such that $M_1(T_1) \leq \frac{1}{2}$. From (3.104) we get

$$\mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(t) \leq \frac{1}{2} \epsilon L c + \epsilon \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T_1]$$

This implies $M_1(T_1) \leq c_1(M_0)(\frac{1}{2}Lc + 1)\varepsilon_0 < \frac{1}{2}$. So $T_1 = T$ or otherwise T_1 is not the largest. Therefore (3.101), (3.102) holds for $t \in [0, T]$. \square

4. GLOBAL WELLPOSEDNESS OF THE 3D FULL WATER WAVE EQUATION

In this section we prove that the 3D full water wave equation (1.1), or equivalently (1.23)-(1.24) is uniquely solvable globally in time for small data. This is achieved by combining a local wellposedness result for the quasilinear system (2.37)-(2.38)-(1.38) and Theorem 3.7.

In what follows all the constants $c(p)$, $c_i(p)$ etc. satisfy $c(p) \leq c(p_0)$, $c_i(p) \leq c_i(p_0)$ for some $p_0 > 0$ and all $0 \leq p \leq p_0$.

We first present two lemmas. The first shows that for interface that is a graph small in its steepness (and two more derivatives), the change of coordinate k defined in (1.28) is a diffeomorphism. The second gives the regularity relation on quantities before and after change of coordinates.

Lemma 4.1. *Let $\xi = (\alpha, \beta, z(\alpha, \beta))$, $k = \xi - (I + \mathfrak{H})ze_3 + \mathfrak{K}ze_3$ be defined as in (1.28).*

1. *Assume that $N = \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial^i \partial z\|_2 < \infty$. Then for $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$,*

$$|\partial(k - P)|_\infty \leq c(N)N \quad (4.1)$$

for some constant $c(N)$ depending on N . In particular, there exists a $N_0 > 0$, such that for $N \leq N_0$, we have $|\partial(k - P)|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4} \leq J(k) \leq 2$, $k : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a diffeomorphism and

$$\frac{1}{4}(|\alpha - \alpha'| + |\beta - \beta'|) \leq |k(\alpha, \beta) - k(\alpha', \beta')| \leq 2(|\alpha - \alpha'| + |\beta - \beta'|).$$

2. *Let $q \geq 5$ be an integer, and $\Gamma = \{\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi\}$. Assume $\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq q-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial z\|_{H^{1/2}} = L < \infty$. Then*

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq q-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial(k - P)\|_{H^{1/2}} \leq c(L)L \quad (4.2)$$

for some constant $c(L)$ depending on L .

Proof. Notice that for $P = (\alpha, \beta)$, $k - P = -\mathfrak{H}ze_3 + \mathfrak{K}ze_3$, and for $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$,

$$\partial(k - P) = -[\partial, \mathfrak{H}]ze_3 - \mathfrak{H}\partial ze_3 + [\partial, \mathfrak{K}]ze_3 + \mathfrak{K}\partial ze_3.$$

(4.1) follows directly from applying Lemma 1.2, (2.6), (2.7), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9; the inequality (4.2) follows with a further application of Lemma 6.2 of [38] and interpolation. The rest of the statements in Lemma 4.1 part 1 follows straightforwardly from (4.1). \square

Lemma 4.2. *Let $q \geq 5$ be an integer, $0 < T < \infty$. Assume that for each $t \in [0, T]$, $k(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a diffeomorphism, and there are constants $0 < c_1, c_2, \mu_1, \mu_2 < \infty$, such that $\mu_1 \leq J(k(t)) \leq \mu_2$ and $c_1|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')| \leq |k(\alpha, \beta, t) - k(\alpha', \beta', t)| \leq c_2|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|$ for $(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta') \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $t \in [0, T]$. Let $s = 0$ or $\frac{1}{2}$.*

1. *Let $\Gamma = \{\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi\}$, and assume $\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq q-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial(k - P)(0)\|_{H^s} \leq L < \infty$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f \circ k)(0)\|_{H^s} &\leq c(L) \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f)(0)\|_{H^s}, \\ \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f \circ k^{-1})(0)\|_{H^s} &\leq c(L) \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f)(0)\|_{H^s}. \end{aligned}$$

2. *Let $\Gamma = \{\partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi\}$. Assume for $t \in [0, T]$, $\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq q-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial(k - P)(t)\|_{H^s} \leq L$, $\sum_{|j| \leq q-1} \|\Gamma^j k_t(t)\|_{H^s} \leq L$, $L < \infty$. Then for $t \in [0, T]$,*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f \circ k)(t)\|_{H^s} &\leq c(L) \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f)(t)\|_{H^s}, \\ \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f \circ k^{-1})(t)\|_{H^s} &\leq c(L) \sum_{|j| \leq q} \|\Gamma^j(f)(t)\|_{H^s}. \end{aligned}$$

Here $c(L)$ is a constant depending on L and c_1, c_2, μ_1, μ_2 , and need not be the same in different contexts.

Proof. The proof of Lemma 4.2 is similar to that of Lemma 5.4 in [39]. The main difference is here we use the relations

$$\alpha \partial_\beta f - \beta \partial_\alpha f = \Upsilon f, \quad \alpha \partial_\alpha f + \beta \partial_\beta f = L_0 f - \frac{1}{2} t \partial_t f$$

to derive that

$$\nabla_\perp f = \frac{(-\beta, \alpha)}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} \Upsilon f + \frac{(\alpha, \beta)}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} (L_0 f - \frac{1}{2} t \partial_t f)$$

and for $\Gamma = \varpi$, L_0 , we use the identities

$$\begin{aligned} \Upsilon(f \circ k^{-1}) &= \partial_\beta k^{-1} \cdot (\alpha \nabla f \circ k^{-1}) - \partial_\alpha k^{-1} \cdot (\beta \nabla f \circ k^{-1}), \\ L_0(f \circ k^{-1}) &= \partial_\alpha k^{-1} \cdot (\alpha \nabla f \circ k^{-1}) + \partial_\beta k^{-1} \cdot (\beta \nabla f \circ k^{-1}) + \frac{1}{2} t \partial_t (f \circ k^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

The proof follows an inductive argument similar to that of Lemma 5.4 of [39], and in the case $s = \frac{1}{2}$, the proof further uses Lemma 6.2 of [38] and interpolation. We omit the details. \square

We now present a local well-posedness result. Similar to (5.21)-(5.22) in [38], we first rewrite the quasilinear system (2.37)-(2.38)-(1.38) in a format for which local wellposedness can be proved by using energy estimates and iterative scheme. Let $\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathcal{N}}{|\mathcal{N}|}$. From (1.23) we know $\mathbf{n} = \tilde{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{w+e_3}{|w+e_3|}$. From (1.23)-(1.24), and the fact that $A > 0$ for nonself-intersecting interface (i.e. the Taylor sign condition holds, see [38]), we know $A|\mathcal{N}| = |w + e_3|$ and $(A\mathcal{N} \times \nabla)u = |w + e_3| \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ u$. Let $f = (I - \mathcal{H})(U_k^{-1}(\mathbf{a}_t N))$. From the fact that \mathbf{a}_t is real valued, we know $U_k^{-1}(\mathbf{a}_t N) = -\tilde{\mathbf{n}}(I + \tilde{\mathcal{K}}^*)^{-1}(\text{Re}\{\tilde{\mathbf{n}}f\})$, where $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}^* = \text{Re}\{\tilde{\mathbf{n}}\mathcal{H}\tilde{\mathbf{n}}\}$. Therefore (2.37)-(2.38)-(1.38) can be rewritten as the following:

$$(\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)^2 u + a \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla_\xi^+ u = -\tilde{\mathbf{n}}(I + \tilde{\mathcal{K}}^*)^{-1}(\text{Re}\{\tilde{\mathbf{n}}f\}) \quad (4.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a &= |w + e_3| \quad \tilde{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{w + e_3}{|w + e_3|}, \quad w = (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)u, \\ b &= \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{H} - \overline{\mathcal{H}})\overline{u} - [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{H}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 + [\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp, \mathcal{K}]\mathfrak{z}e_3 + \mathcal{K}u_3e_3 \\ (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)\zeta &= u, \quad \mathfrak{U} = \frac{1}{2}(u + \mathcal{H}u) \\ f &= 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta)(w - w') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) \mathfrak{U}' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &+ \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) \{((u - u') \times u'_{\beta'}) \mathfrak{U}'_{\alpha'} - ((u - u') \times u'_{\alpha'}) \mathfrak{U}'_{\beta'}\} d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &+ 2 \iint K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial_{\alpha'} - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial_{\beta'}) (\partial'_t + b' \cdot \nabla'_\perp) \mathfrak{U}' d\alpha' d\beta' \\ &+ \iint ((u' - u) \cdot \nabla) K(\zeta' - \zeta) (u - u') \times (\zeta'_{\beta'} \partial'_\alpha - \zeta'_{\alpha'} \partial'_\beta) \mathfrak{U}' d\alpha' d\beta'. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

(4.3)-(4.4) is a well-defined quasilinear system. We give in the following the initial data for (4.3)-(4.4). As we know the initial data describing the water wave motion should satisfy the compatibility conditions given on pages 464-465 of [38].

Assume that the initial interface $\Sigma(0)$ separates \mathbb{R}^3 into two simply connected, unbounded C^2 domains, $\Sigma(0)$ approaches the xy -plane at infinity, and assume that the water occupies the lower region $\Omega(0)$. Take a parameterization for $\Sigma(0) : \xi^0 = \xi^0(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, such that $N_0 = \xi_\alpha^0 \times \xi_\beta^0$ is an outward normal of $\Omega(0)$, $|\xi_\alpha^0 \times \xi_\beta^0| \geq \mu$, and $|\xi^0(\alpha, \beta) - \xi^0(\alpha', \beta')| \geq C_0|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|$ for $(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta') \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and some constants $\mu, C_0 > 0$. Let

$$\xi(\alpha, \beta, 0) = (x^0, y^0, z^0) = \xi^0(\alpha, \beta), \quad \xi_t(\alpha, \beta, 0) = \mathbf{u}^0(\alpha, \beta), \quad \xi_{tt}(\alpha, \beta, 0) = \mathbf{w}^0(\alpha, \beta) \quad (4.5)$$

Assume that the data in (4.5) satisfy the compatibility conditions (5.29)-(5.30) of [38], that is $\mathbf{u}^0 = \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)} \mathbf{u}^0$, and

$$\mathbf{w}^0 = -e_3 + (\mathbf{n}_0 \cdot e_3) \mathbf{n}_0 - \mathbf{n}_0(I + \mathcal{K}_0^*)^{-1}(\text{Re}\{\mathbf{n}_0[\partial_t, \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)}] \mathbf{u}_0 + \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)}^*(\mathbf{n}_0 \times e_3)\}) \quad (4.6)$$

where $\mathbf{n}_0 = \frac{N_0}{|N_0|}$, $\mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)}^* = \mathbf{n}_0 \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)} \mathbf{n}_0$ and $\mathcal{K}_0^* = \text{Re} \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)}^*$. Assume that $k(0) = k_0 = \xi^0 - (I + \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)})z^0 e_3 + \mathfrak{K}^0 z^0 e_3$, where $\mathfrak{K}^0 = \text{Re} \mathfrak{H}_{\Sigma(0)}$, as defined in (1.28) is a diffeomorphism with its Jacobian $\nu_1 \leq J(k_0) \leq \nu_2$, and $c_1|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')| \leq |k_0(\alpha, \beta) - k_0(\alpha', \beta')| \leq c_2|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|$ for $(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta') \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and some constants $0 < \nu_1, \nu_2, c_1, c_2 < \infty$. Let

$$\zeta(\cdot, 0) = \zeta^0(\cdot) = P + \lambda^0(\cdot), \quad u(\cdot, 0) = u^0(\cdot), \quad (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp)u(\cdot, 0) = w^0(\cdot) \quad (4.7)$$

where

$$\lambda^0(\cdot) = \xi^0 \circ k_0^{-1}(\cdot) - P, \quad u^0(\cdot) = \mathbf{u}^0 \circ k_0^{-1}(\cdot), \quad w^0(\cdot) = \mathbf{w}^0 \circ k_0^{-1}(\cdot) \quad (4.8)$$

Let $s \geq 5$ be an integer. Assume that for $\Gamma = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq s-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j \partial u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_{L^2} + \|\Gamma^j \partial w^0\|_{L^2} < \infty \quad (4.9)$$

We have the following local well-posedness result for the initial value problem (4.3)-(4.4)-(4.7) with a non-blow-up criteria.

Theorem 4.3 (Local existence). *1. There exists $T > 0$, depending on the norm of the initial data, so that the initial value problem (4.3)-(4.4)-(4.7) has a unique solution $(u, \zeta) = (u(\alpha, \beta, t), \zeta(\alpha, \beta, t))$ for $t \in [0, T]$, satisfying for $|j| \leq s-1$, $\Gamma = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$, $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$,*

$$\Gamma^j \partial(\zeta - P), \Gamma^j u, \Gamma^j \partial u \in C([0, T], H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)), \quad \Gamma^j w, \Gamma^j \partial w \in C([0, T], L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)), \quad (4.10)$$

and $|\zeta_\alpha \times \zeta_\beta| \geq \nu$, $|\zeta(\alpha, \beta, t) - \zeta(\alpha', \beta', t)| \geq C_1|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|$ for all $(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta') \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and $t \in [0, T]$, for some constants $C_1, \nu > 0$.

Moreover, if T^ is the supremum over all such times T , then either $T^* = \infty$ or*

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{|j| \leq [\frac{s}{2}] + 3} \|\Gamma^j w(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\Gamma^j u(t)\|_{L^2} \\ & + \sup_{(\alpha, \beta) \neq (\alpha', \beta')} \frac{|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|}{|\zeta(\alpha, \beta, t) - \zeta(\alpha', \beta', t)|} + \left| \frac{1}{|(\zeta_\alpha \times \zeta_\beta)(t)|} \right|_{L^\infty} \notin L^\infty[0, T^*) \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

2. Let $P : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the identity map: $P(\alpha, \beta) = (\alpha, \beta)$ for $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$,

$$h_t(\cdot, t) = b(h(\cdot, t), t), \quad h(\cdot, 0) = P(\cdot), \quad (4.12)$$

and $T < T^*$. Then for $t \in [0, T]$, $h(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ exists and is a diffeomorphism, with its Jacobian $c_1(T) \leq J(h(t)) \leq c_2(T)$ for some constants $c_1(T), c_2(T) > 0$; and $\xi(\cdot, t) = \zeta(h(k_0(\cdot), t), t)$ is the solution of the water wave system (1.23)-(1.24), satisfying the initial condition (4.5). Furthermore, $h(k_0(\cdot), t) = k(\cdot, t)$ for $t \in [0, T^*)$, where $k(\cdot, t)$ is as defined in (1.28), and $\zeta \circ k = \xi$, $u \circ k = \xi_t$, $w \circ k = \xi_{tt}$.

Proof. The proof of part 1 is very much the same as that in [38]. The main modification is to use the vector fields $\Gamma = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$ instead of using only $\partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$ as in [38], and use $\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp$ instead of ∂_t . We omit the details.

Let $T < T^*$. Notice that for the solution obtained in part 1, $b = b(\cdot, t)$ is defined for $t \in [0, T]$. Furthermore by applying Lemma 1.2, Proposition 2.2, (2.6), (2.7), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, Lemma 6.2 of [38] and interpolation, and (4.10), we know for $\partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$, and $|j| \leq s - 1$, $\Gamma^j b, \Gamma^j \partial b \in C([0, T], H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2))$. Therefore for $|j| \leq 3$, $\partial^j b \in C([0, T], C(\mathbb{R}^2) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2))$. Thus from the classical ODE theory we know (4.12) has a unique solution $h(\cdot, t)$ on $[0, T]$, $h(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a diffeomorphism with $c_1 \leq J(h(t)) \leq c_2$, $c_3|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')| \leq |h(\alpha, \beta, t) - h(\alpha', \beta', t)| \leq c_4|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|$ for $(\alpha, \beta), (\alpha', \beta') \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $t \in [0, T]$ and some constants $0 < c_i < \infty$, $i = 1, \dots, 4$; and $\partial^j(h - P) \in C([0, T], H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2))$, for $|j| \leq s$. Let $u = u \circ h \circ k_0$, $\xi = \zeta \circ h \circ k_0$. From the chain rule we know $u = \xi_t$, and for $t \in [0, T^*)$, (u, ξ) satisfies the quasilinear system (5.21)-(5.22) in [38]. Therefore as was proved in [38], ξ solves the water wave system (1.23)-(1.24) with initial data satisfying (4.5). Furthermore, for k as defined in (1.28), we know $k_t = (h \circ k_0)_t$ (see (1.42)), and $k(0) = (h \circ k_0)(0)$. Therefore $k(\cdot, t) = h(k_0(\cdot), t)$ for $t \in [0, T^*)$, so $k(t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ is a diffeomorphism and $J(k(t)) > 0$ for each $t \in [0, T^*)$. $w \circ k = \xi_{tt}$ follows straightforwardly from the chain rule.

□

Remark 4.4. Let ξ be the solution obtained in Theorem 4.3. As a consequence of Theorem 4.3 part 2, we know for $t \in [0, T^*)$, the mapping $k = k(\cdot, t)$ defined in (1.28) is a diffeomorphism and the solution (u, ζ) for (4.3)-(4.4)-(4.7) coincides with those defined in (1.31). Let $\lambda = \zeta - P$. Notice that $\partial_t \lambda = u - b - b \cdot \nabla_\perp \lambda$, $\partial_t u = w - b \cdot \nabla_\perp u$. By taking successive derivatives to t to (2.37)(or equivalently (4.3)), we know that in fact for $|j| \leq s - 1$,

and $\Gamma = \partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi, \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^j \partial_t \lambda, \Gamma^j \partial \lambda, \Gamma^j u, \Gamma^j \partial_t u, \Gamma^j \partial u &\in C([0, T^*), H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)), \\ \Gamma^j w, \Gamma^j \partial_t w, \Gamma^j \partial w &\in C([0, T^*), L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

Remark 4.5. Notice that $\eta = \xi(k_0^{-1}(\cdot), t) = \zeta \circ h(\cdot, t)$ is a solution of the water wave equation (1.23)-(1.24) with data $\eta(\cdot, 0) = \xi^0 \circ k_0^{-1}(\cdot)$, $\eta_t(\cdot, 0) = u^0 \circ k_0^{-1}(\cdot)$. Let $|j| \leq s-1$, and $\Gamma = \partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi, \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta$. Using (4.13), Lemma 1.2, Proposition 2.2, (2.6), (2.7), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, and Lemma 6.2 of [38] and interpolation, we know that the function b defined in (4.4) satisfies $\Gamma^j b, \Gamma^j \partial b \in C([0, T^*), H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2))$. Therefore we have for h the solution of (4.12), $\Gamma^j(h - P), \Gamma^j \partial_t(h - P), \Gamma^j \partial(h - P) \in C([0, T^*), H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2))$. This implies the solution η satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^j \partial_t \eta, \Gamma^j \partial(\eta - P), \Gamma^j \partial_t \eta_t, \Gamma^j \partial \eta_t &\in C([0, T^*), H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)), \\ \Gamma^j \partial \eta_{tt}, \Gamma^j \partial_t \eta_{tt} &\in C([0, T^*), L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)). \end{aligned} \quad (4.14)$$

From Proposition 2.9, we know there is $N_1 > 0$ small enough, such that whenever $\sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial^i \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 \leq N_1$, $|\partial_\alpha \lambda(t)|_\infty + |\partial_\beta \lambda(t)|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{4}$; this in turn implies that

$$|\zeta(\alpha, \beta, t) - \zeta(\alpha', \beta', t)| \geq \frac{1}{4}(|\alpha - \alpha'| + |\beta - \beta'|), \quad |\zeta_\alpha \times \zeta_\beta| \geq \frac{1}{4},$$

and $\Sigma(t) : \zeta = \zeta(\alpha, \beta, t)$, $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is a graph.

We now present a global in time well-posedness result. Let $s \geq 27$, $\max\{\lfloor \frac{s}{2} \rfloor + 1, 17\} \leq l \leq s-10$, and the initial interface $\Sigma(0)$ be a graph given by $\xi^0 = (\alpha, \beta, z^0(\alpha, \beta))$, satisfying $N = \sum_{\substack{|i| \leq 2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\partial^i \partial z^0\|_2 \leq N_0$, where N_0 is the constant in Lemma 4.1, part 1. Therefore the corresponding mapping $k(0) = k_0$ defined in (1.28) is a diffeomorphism with its Jacobian $1/4 \leq J(k_0) \leq 2$ and $\frac{1}{4}(|\alpha - \alpha'| + |\beta - \beta'|) \leq |k_0(\alpha, \beta) - k_0(\alpha', \beta')| \leq 2(|\alpha - \alpha'| + |\beta - \beta'|)$. Assume that the initial data satisfies (4.5)-(4.9), and for $\Gamma = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$,

$$L = \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+9 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} \mathfrak{z}^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_2 < \infty. \quad (4.15)$$

here $\mathfrak{z}^0 = z^0 \circ k_0^{-1}$. Let

$$\epsilon = \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} \mathfrak{z}^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_2. \quad (4.16)$$

and assume $\epsilon \leq N_1$. An argument as that in Remark 4.4 and an application of Lemma 1.2, Proposition 2.2, (2.7), (2.6), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9 gives that for $\Gamma = \partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$,

$$\mathcal{M}_0 = \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \mathfrak{v}(0)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathfrak{v}(0)\|_2) \leq c_1(\epsilon) \epsilon < \infty \quad (4.17)$$

and a further application of Lemma 6.2 of [38] and interpolation gives that (for $\epsilon > 0$ small enough such that $c_1(\epsilon)\epsilon \leq M_0$)

$$\mathfrak{F}_{l+2}(0) \leq c_2(\epsilon)\epsilon^2, \quad \mathcal{F}_{l+3}(0) \leq c_3(\epsilon)\epsilon^2, \quad \mathcal{F}_{l+9}(0) = c_4(L) < \infty \quad (4.18)$$

Here $c_i(p)$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ are constants depending on p .

Take M_0 such that $0 < M_0 \leq N_1$ and all the estimates derived in section 3 holds.

Theorem 4.6 (Global well-posedness). *There exists $\epsilon_0 > 0$, depending on M_0, L , where L is as in (4.15), such that for $0 \leq \epsilon \leq \epsilon_0$, the initial value problem (1.23)-(1.24)-(4.5) has a unique classical solution globally in time. For $0 \leq t < \infty$, the solution satisfies (4.13), (4.14), the interface is a graph, and*

$$(1+t) \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l-3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (|\partial \Gamma^j \chi(t)|_\infty + |\partial \Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)|_\infty) \lesssim \mathfrak{F}_{l+2}^{1/2}(t) \leq C(M_0, L)\epsilon. \quad (4.19)$$

Here $C(M_0, L)$ is a constant depending on M_0, L .

Proof. From Theorem 4.3, Remarks 4.4, 4.5, we know there exists a unique solution $\xi = \xi(\cdot, t)$ for $t \in [0, T^*)$ of (1.23)-(1.24)-(4.5), with $k(\cdot, t) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ as defined in (1.28) being a diffeomorphism, λ, u, w as defined in (1.31), (1.36) satisfying (4.13) for $t \in [0, T^*)$, and $\eta = \xi \circ k_0^{-1}$ satisfying (4.14). Applying Lemma 1.2, Proposition 2.2, (2.6), (2.7), Propositions 2.6, 2.7, 2.9, Lemma 6.2 of [38] and interpolation, and the fact that $\mathfrak{z}(\cdot, t) = \mathfrak{z}^0(\cdot) + \int_0^t (u_3 - b \cdot \nabla_\perp \mathfrak{z})(\cdot, s) ds$, here u_3 is the e_3 component of u , we have $\mathcal{F}_n(t), \mathfrak{F}_n(t) \in C^1[0, T^*)$ for $n \leq l+9$. Let $0 < \epsilon_1 \leq N_1$ be small enough such that for $\epsilon \leq \epsilon_1$, $\mathcal{M}_0 \leq c_1(\epsilon)\epsilon \leq \frac{M_0}{2}$. Let $T_1 \leq T_*$ be the largest such that for $t \in [0, T_1)$, (3.13) holds. From Theorem 3.101, Lemma 3.4, we know there is a $0 < \epsilon_2 \leq \epsilon_1$, such that when $0 < \epsilon \leq \epsilon_2$, $\sup_{[0, T_1)} E_{l+2}(t) \lesssim \mathfrak{F}_{l+2}(t) \leq c(M_0, L)^2 \epsilon^2$ for some constant $c(M_0, L)$ depending on M_0, L . On the other hand from Proposition 2.16 we have that for $t \in [0, T_1)$,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2) \leq C(M_0) E_{l+2}(t)^{1/2}$$

where $C(M_0)$ is a constant depending on M_0 . Taking $\epsilon_0 \leq \epsilon_2$, such that $C(M_0)c(M_0, L)\epsilon_0 \leq \frac{3M_0}{4}$. Therefore when $\epsilon \leq \epsilon_0$, we have for $t \in [0, T_1)$,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+2 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} (\|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \mathfrak{z}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j (\partial_t + b \cdot \nabla_\perp) \mathbf{v}(t)\|_2) \leq \frac{3M_0}{4}$$

This implies that $T_1 = T^*$ or otherwise it contradicts with the assumption that T_1 is the largest. Applying Proposition 2.16 again we deduce that

$$\sum_{|j| \leq l+2} \|\Gamma^j w(t)\|_{L^2} + \|\Gamma^j u(t)\|_{L^2} \in L^\infty[0, T^*). \quad (4.20)$$

Furthermore from $M_0 \leq N_1$ we have

$$\sup_{(\alpha, \beta) \neq (\alpha', \beta')} \frac{|(\alpha, \beta) - (\alpha', \beta')|}{|\zeta(\alpha, \beta, t) - \zeta(\alpha', \beta', t)|} + \left| \frac{1}{|\zeta_\alpha \times \zeta_\beta(t)|} \right|_{L^\infty} \in L^\infty[0, T^*). \quad (4.21)$$

and $\Sigma(t) : \zeta = \zeta(\cdot, t)$ defines a graph for $t \in [0, T^*)$. Now from our assumption we know $[\frac{s}{2}] + 3 \leq l + 2$. Applying (4.11), we obtain $T^* = \infty$. (4.19) is a consequence of Lemma 3.3. \square

Remark 4.7. As a consequence of (4.19) and Proposition 2.17, the steepness, the acceleration of the interface and the derivative of the velocity on the interface decay at the rate $\frac{1}{t}$.

Remark 4.8. Instead of (4.9), (4.15), (4.16), we may assume for $|j| \leq s - 1$, and $\Gamma = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$,

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq s-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial z^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{3/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_{H^1} < \infty; \quad (4.22)$$

$$L = \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+9 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} z^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial z^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_2 < \infty; \quad (4.23)$$

and let

$$\epsilon = \sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} z^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial z^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_2. \quad (4.24)$$

We know from Lemma 4.1 and Lemma 4.2 that (4.22), (4.23), (4.24) implies

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq s-1 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{3/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_{H^1} < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad (4.25)$$

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+9 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} \mathbf{z}^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_2 \leq c_5(L)L < \infty \quad (4.26)$$

$$\sum_{\substack{|j| \leq l+3 \\ \partial = \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta}} \|\Gamma^j |D|^{1/2} \mathbf{z}^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j \partial \lambda^0\|_2 + \|\Gamma^j u^0\|_{H^{1/2}} + \|\Gamma^j w^0\|_2 \leq c_5(\epsilon)\epsilon < \infty \quad (4.27)$$

for some constants $c_5(L)$, $c_6(\epsilon)$ depending on L , ϵ respectively. Therefore the same conclusions of Theorem 4.6 hold, and furthermore by using Lemmas 4.1, 4.2, we have for $\xi = \eta \circ k_0$ the solution of the initial value problem of the water wave equations (1.23)-(1.24)-(4.5), and $|j| \leq s - 1$, $\Gamma = \partial_t, \partial_\alpha, \partial_\beta, L_0, \varpi$, (notice that $k_0 = k_0(\alpha, \beta)$ is independent of t .)

$$\Gamma^j \partial_t \xi, \Gamma^j \partial(\xi - P), \Gamma^j \partial_t \xi_t, \Gamma^j \partial \xi_t \in C([0, T^*), H^{1/2}(\mathbb{R}^2)),$$

$$\Gamma^j \partial \xi_{tt}, \Gamma^j \partial_t \xi_{tt} \in C([0, T^*), L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)).$$

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